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1955

Lots of Luck
in the Future
Milton Patrick
"58"

Best of Luck
to a real
swell gal.
Janice Wikoff
"56"

Sincerely Yours,
Carolyn Townsend
"58"

— TAG —
A lot of luck
to a swell kid
Ronald Pugh
"56"

As a Student
I wish
You
Good Luck
Always
Mary

Best of Luck
to a real swell
girl with whom
I have enjoyed
Typing. Wishing
Best Wishes
Norma Rose

Best of Luck
in your years to
come. I've
enjoyed having
you in my
classes. Keep
smiling.
Always,
Mrs. Falomo
"56"

Pat-
Lots of luck
in the future
Sharon Eudaley
"58"

Pat- lots of luck in
the future to a
real sweet gal
Judy McClellan
'58"

Dear Pat,
I had lots of fun
going to school with
you this year. You are
a real swell girl.
Yours friend
Always,
Charlotte Ellison
"58"

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PAT HARDING

To a very
nice girl who
I have enjoyed
going to school with
Connie Witcher

It has been fun
with you in English
and Algebra and I
wish you all the
Luck in the World
Ray C Rice
"38"

Pat
I'm glad that
I was in your algebra
class this past year and
I hope that we'll will be
good friends always.

To a nice girl that
I have in the 7th grade
and High school. Best of luck
Victor Smith

Pat —
Your really
swell person
and I hope all
your dreams will
be successful —
Best of luck
Jane "38"

Pat.
I have enjoyed going
to school with you this
year. We had a lot
of fun this year
just like we use to.
(Remember!!) who could
forget. Well lots of
luck in the Coming
years. a friend always
"Peggy"

Pat
I have enjoyed being in school with you this year
Louise Dawson
'39

Pat.
I've enjoyed
being in school
with you this year
Best of luck
Always
Jeanette Wil

Pat:
It's been a real swell year with you as a freshman
a friend
Elaine
(Linden)

Best wishes to a great girl.
Dennis

"Pat"
it has been fun
going to school
with you and
I wish you lots of luck
Colleen Jones

Pat:
I wish you
lots of luck in
the future
every thing
Your friend
Faye George

I sincerely hope that
all of your wishes
come true.
John Simendinger.

To a real swell
person I've enjoyed
knowing & have had
a real good time
with. Best of luck
always. Friends
Claire
'58'

Pat
It's a pretty cute
name and I like
it. Have one
more "class" and
good luck always in
your future. Bud Sloop

the 1955 Vision

presents

"dear mr. gates"

by the associated students
of shafter high school
shafter, california

Pat—
Lots of luck
to you in your
future years at
Dear ole Shafter High
Best of luck
Mona Parr
"58"

Pat—
I have enjoyed
going to school with
you this year more
than ever. I think
you are a very nice
girl so remain that
way. Wish you lots
of luck throughout
the future.
Betty Reed
"58"

dear mr. gates,

for twenty years you have taught at our school. this year you have been taking a well earned rest and acquiring new experiences, which will aid you in your future teaching. since you missed this year at shafter high, we want this year book to be an illustrated letter letting you know what occurred during your absence.

because of your past services at our school, we, the staff, wish to dedicate this 1955 laurion to you. in this yearbook we hope you enjoy seeing familiar faces and meeting new faces you will come in contact with next year.

Pat
It's been nice
being in English
with you
Lots of luck
a future
Helen Smith

Pat - It has been a lot
of fun having you in my
English and Gen. Bus. Classes
and I hope you a lot of fun
& luck in your future
Your Friend
Rosa Arellano
"58"

It's been fun going to school with you this past year and I hope we will have fun many more years to come in the future. Best of luck. Very Kess

Pat:
To a real friend. Best of Luck. '58"
Beverly Shultz

Lots of Luck in years to Come
Bruce Wishon

-: Pat :-

Sure enjoyed knowing you, both in church and in school. You're one of the nicest girls I know in the Freshman class. I know and hope our friendship will continue to grow during our high school years.

Your friend,
Carol Barton
"58"

Pat:
As a very nice girl. I have enjoyed sharing my smile with. And I wish lots of luck in the future.

Your friend
-forever + always-
Lucille Barnes
"57"

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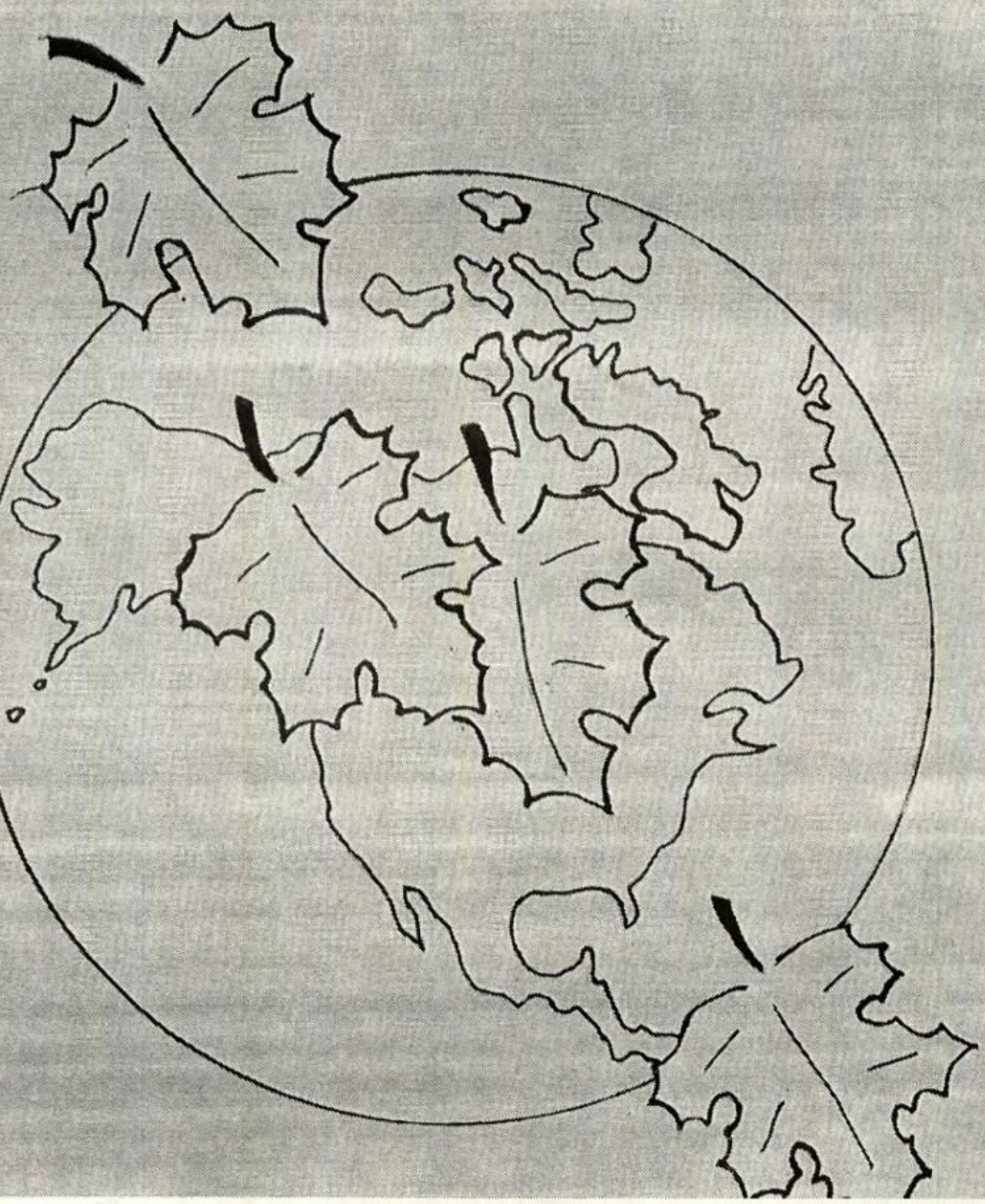

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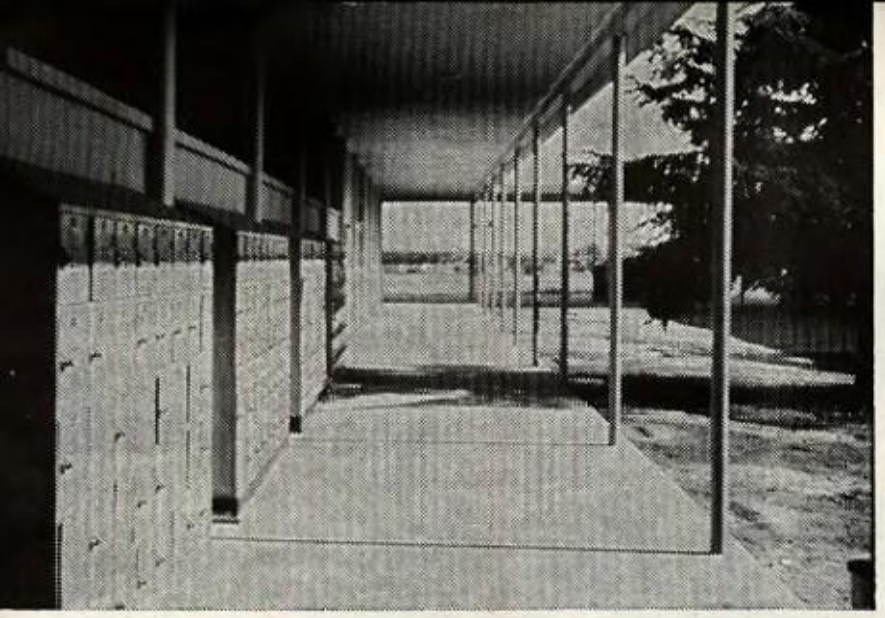
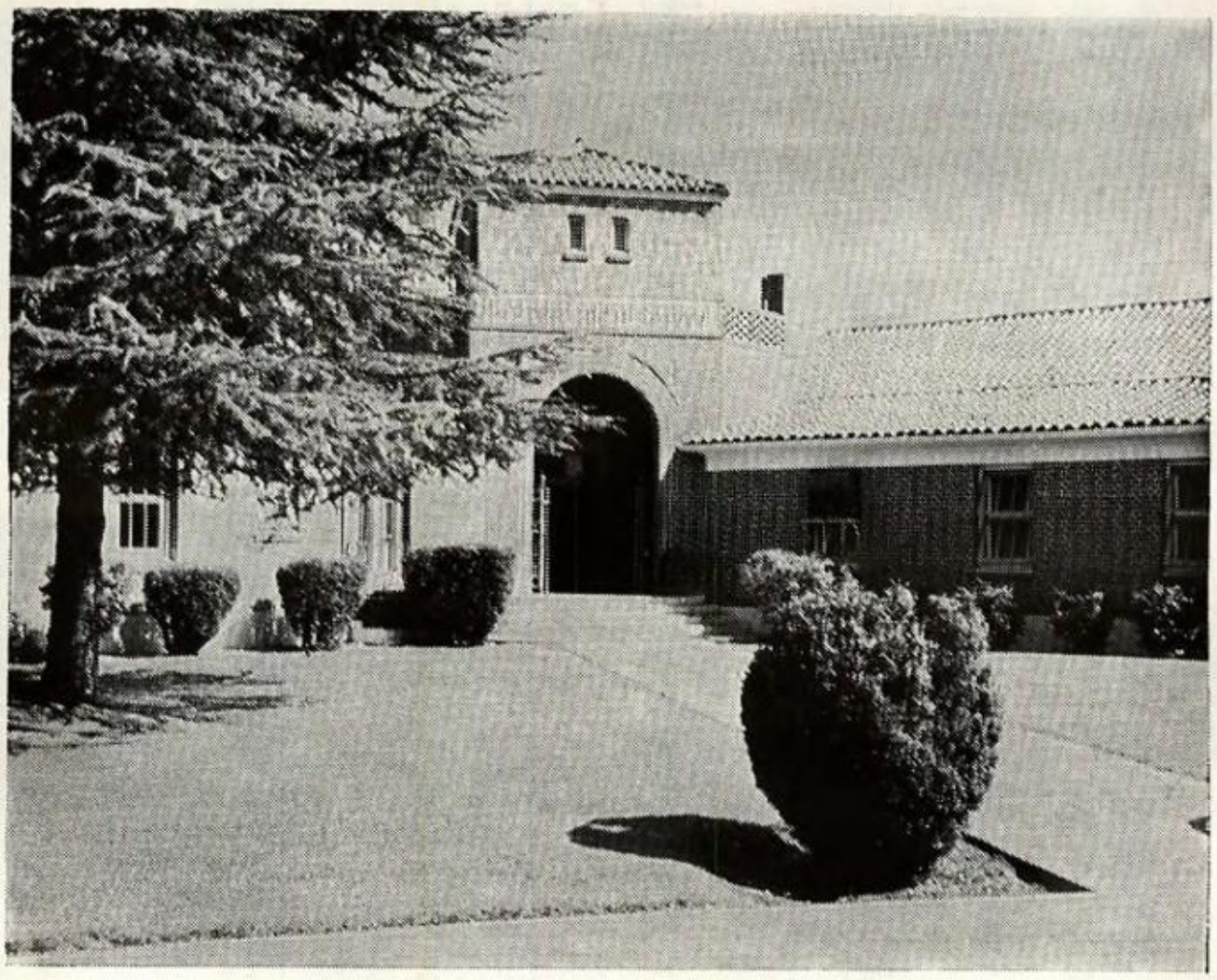


the new route to study hall is seen from the homemaking room.

a large study hall stares at the "birdie".

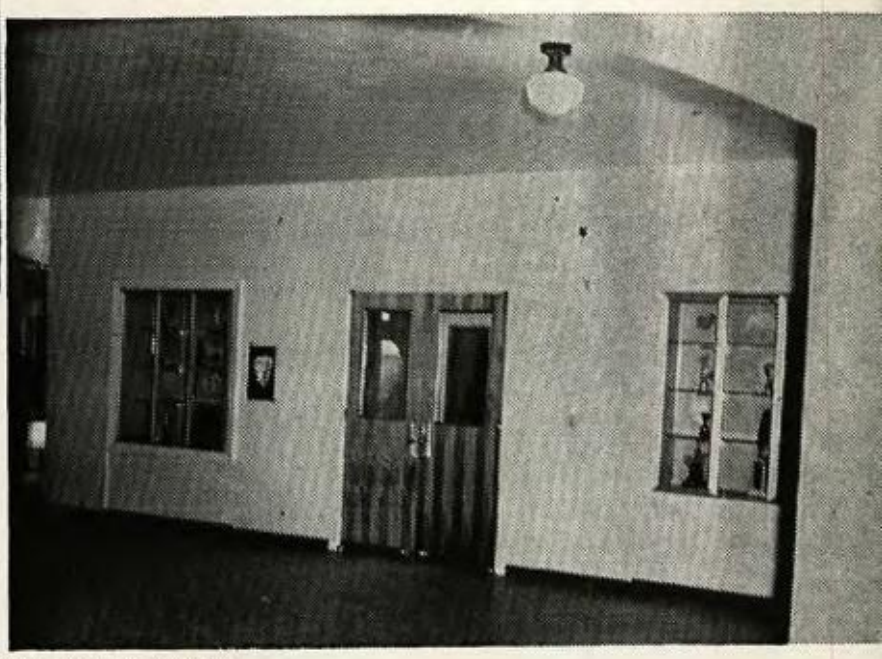
new additions to our campus

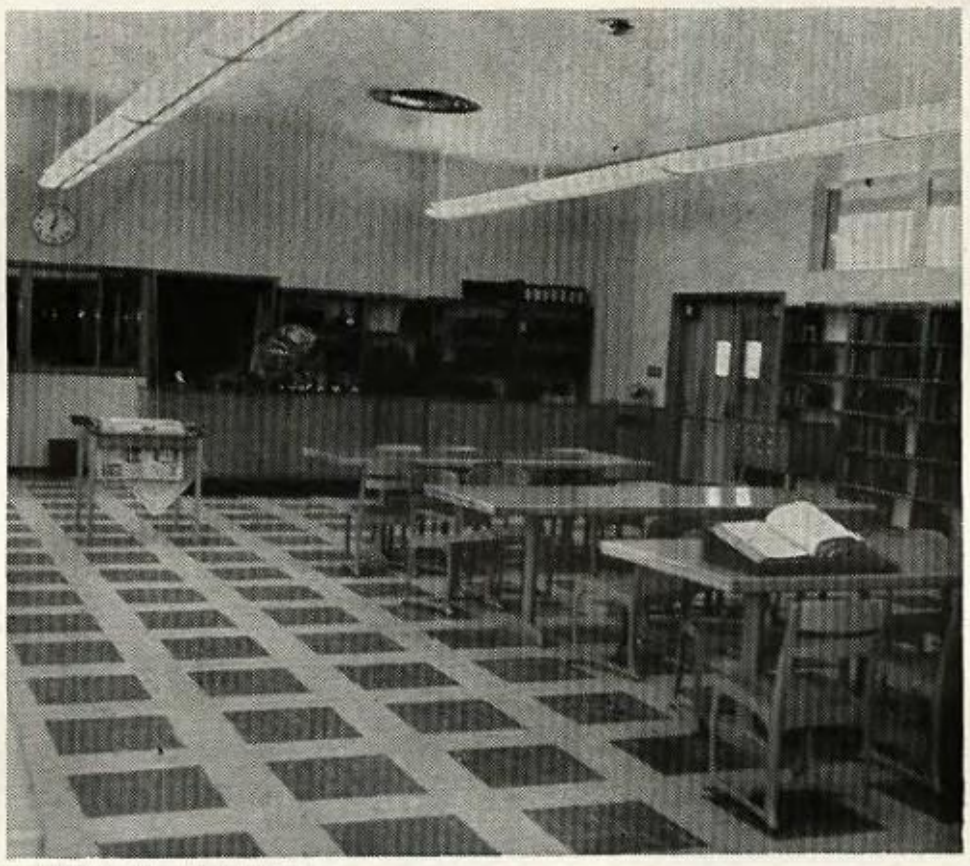


this is one of the most familiar shafter views.

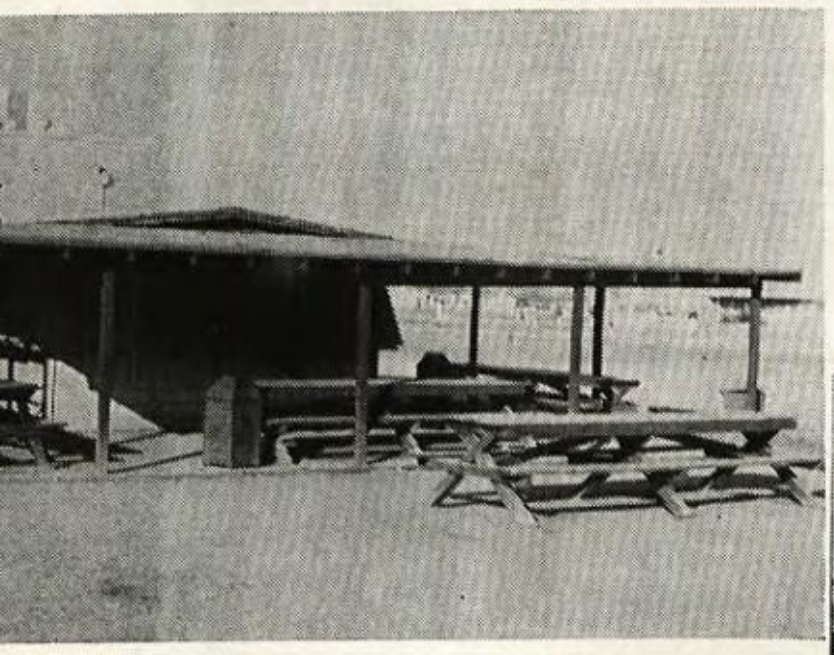
the new football scoreboard is quite a change from last year's.

principals office is seen from the main hall.



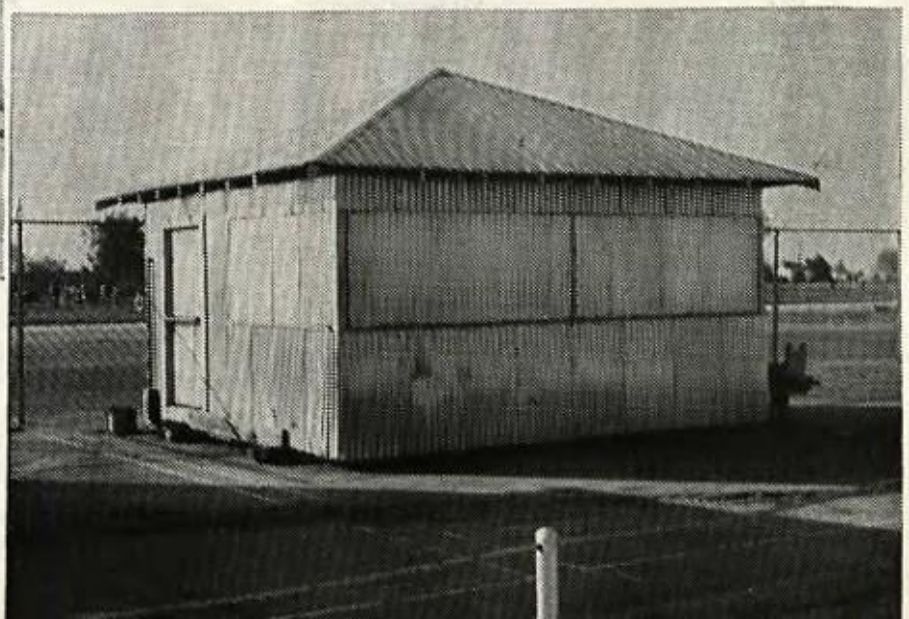


the new library has a pleasant atmosphere for studying.



the student body stand is the center of attraction at the noon hour.

the stand appeals to cold and hungry spectators during football season.



mr. h. e. woodworth
board president

mr. chester w. o'neil
clerk of the board

the board looks forward

mr. t. l. mc cuen
superintendent

mr. william t. baldwin
board member

mr. albert s. gould
board member

mr. emil bender
board member

dr. jensen practices his putting.

shafter's "principal" man

dr. jensen, shafter high's advisory head, is busy with paper work at his desk.

talking over student activities are dr. jensen and jean thomas, social chairman.

staff makes use

mrs. dooley

marilyn bergman, minnie smith, anne klassen

our counselors: dan bledsoe, amelia cornell, burley dooley, thelma martin, henry j. moroski.

violet cowan, school nurse

attendance office secretaries, hilda unruh, kathleen warren

# of new buildings

cafeteria staff: peggy neal, addie brown, lucille aday, ann bartell, dorothy friedly.

blanche smith

custodians: 1st row, carl neuman, roy allen, dave greer. 2nd row, ernest howard, jimmy ball, harry janzen. 3rd row, harvey mizell, ray fortenberry

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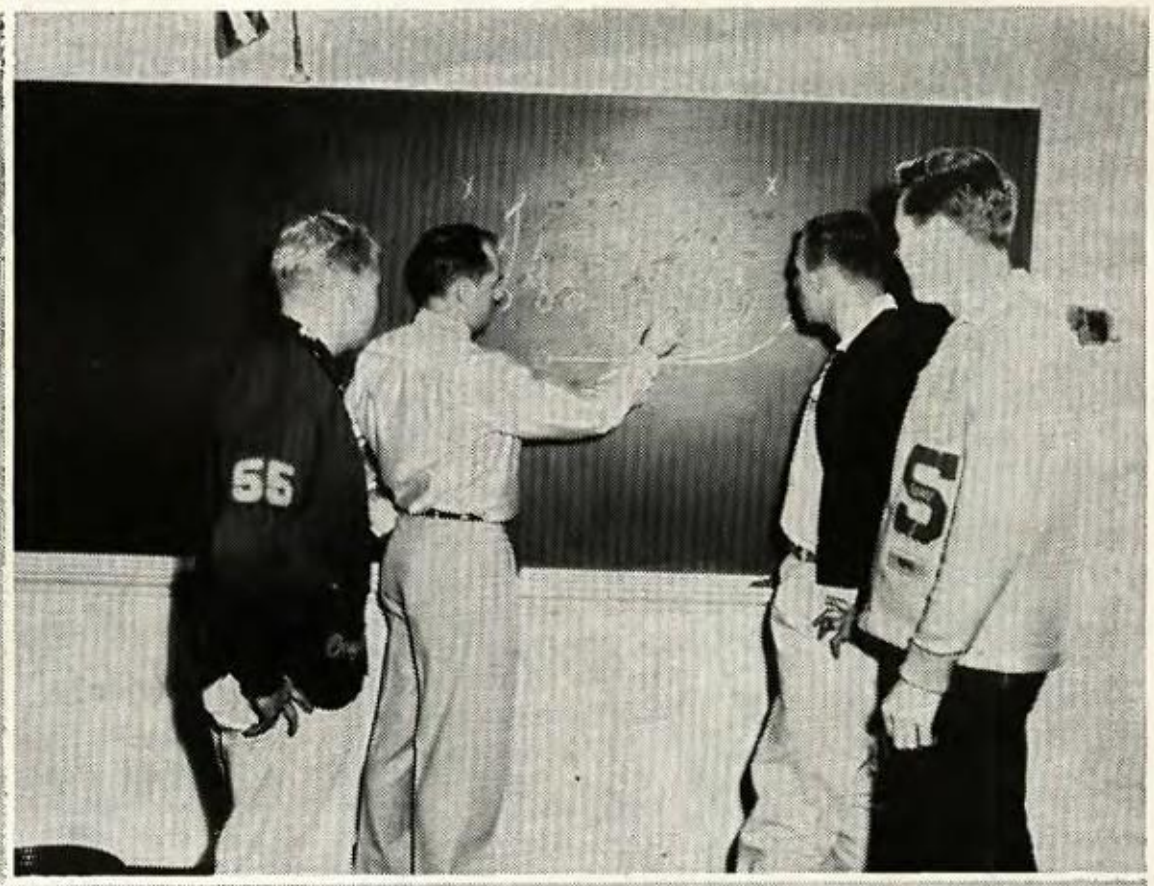
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martha hitch
girls' p. e. 1, 2, 3, 4

don mc cauley
p. e. 1-2, coaching

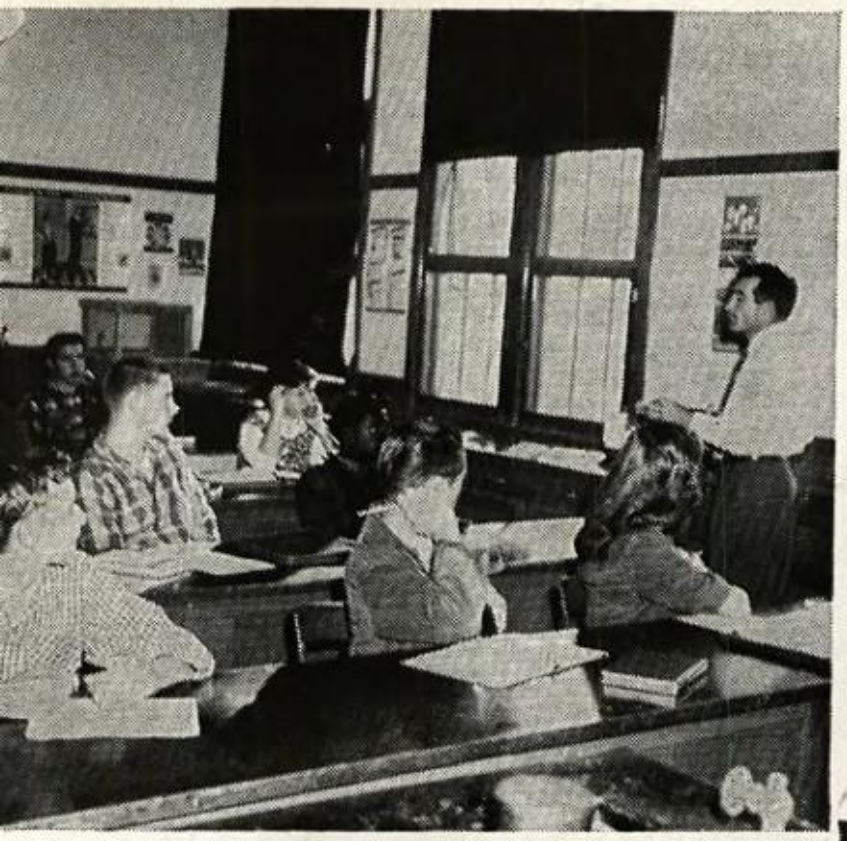
p. l. arnold
steno, adv. typing, sec. training

dennis w. foreman
math, u. s. history, coaching

joseph a. galente
biology, social science 1.

david f. marsh
art, crafts, social science 1.

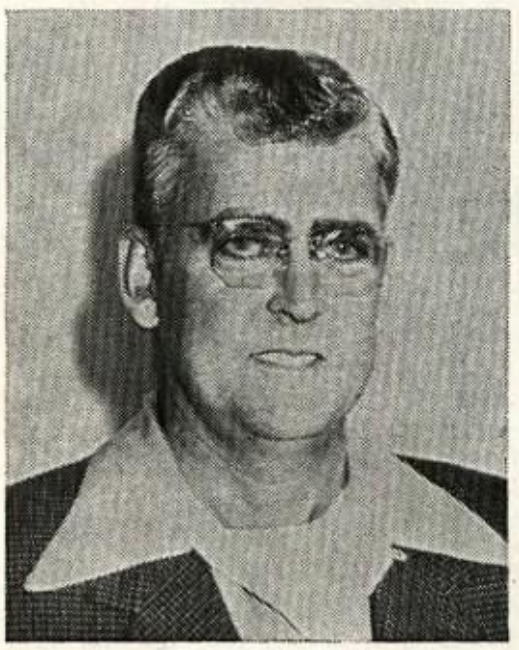
don murfin
sen. prob., physics, p. e., coaching



mr. galante giving his
class a demonstration.

e. w. schacht
gen. shop, woodshop

mr. foreman giving his
class a guiding hand

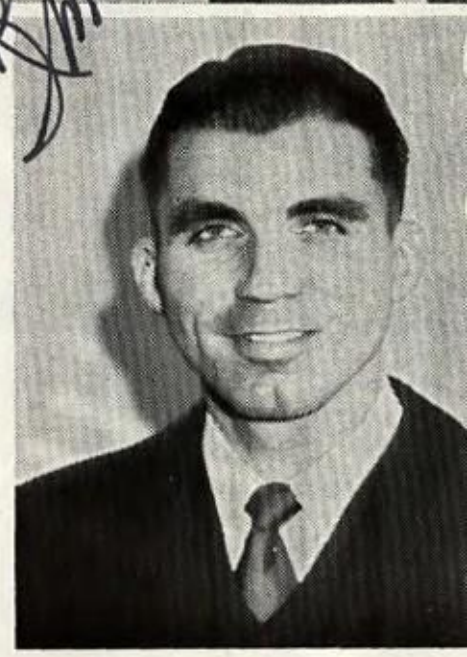


lowell l. todd
math, p. e., track coach

mr. hill and class in a deep discussion

Pat -
I have enjoyed having you in Class and I predict great things for your future!
Charles Easterbrook

Pat -
You have been a true joy to teach. Your interest and ambition were keys to your success. Best of luck to you!
Ida May Collett



ida may collett
drama 1, english 1.

harlan h. hill
history 2, u. s. history

mr. fahsbender encourages a beginning flutist

charles easterbrook jr.
soc. sci. 1, english 2, tennis

evelyn michiletti
vocal and string music

sam cresswell
mech. draw., auto mech., coaching

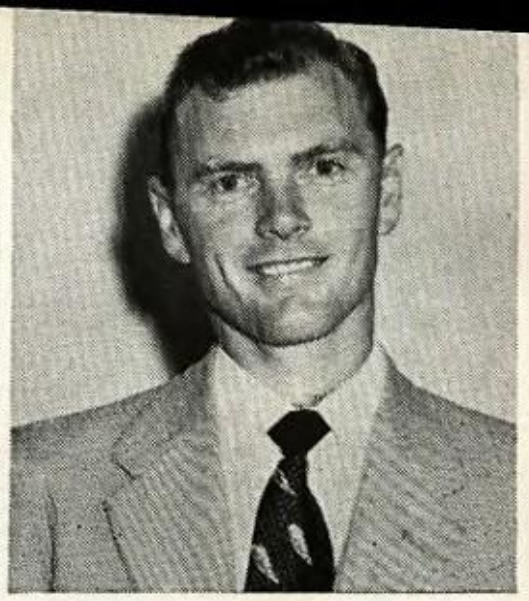
thelma painter
typing 2, bookkeeping

gaye pare
soc. sci. 2b., cons. ed., coach

billie wright
physical education I, II

Can you take another year of the girls from
Billie Wright

amelia f. cornell
spanish II, english III,
counseling



charles tyner
journalism, english II

james. v. wilson
mathematics

theodora richard
library science

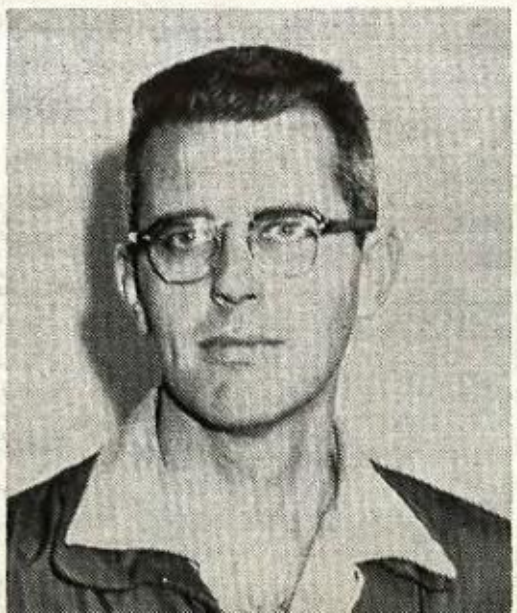
shirley moore
homemaking I, II

hal e. williams
algebra 1b, general business

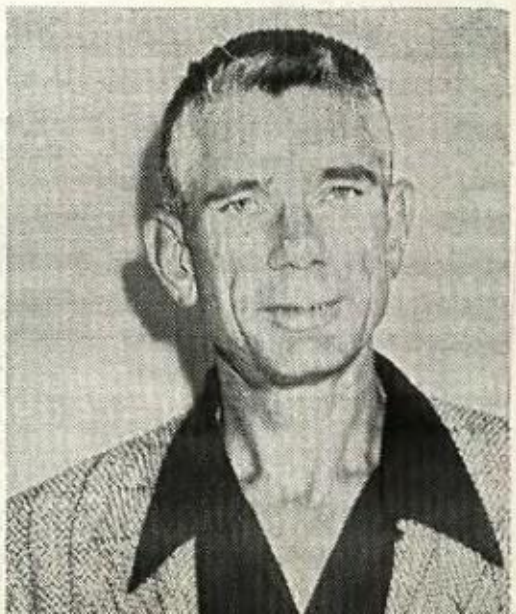
ethel teves
homemaking I, III, IV
co-ed. cooking

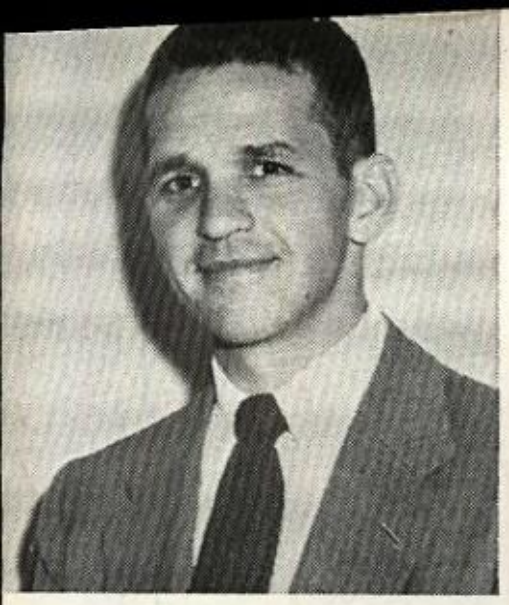
kenneth fahsbender
band

elliot garrison
agri. 1b, farm mechanics 1b



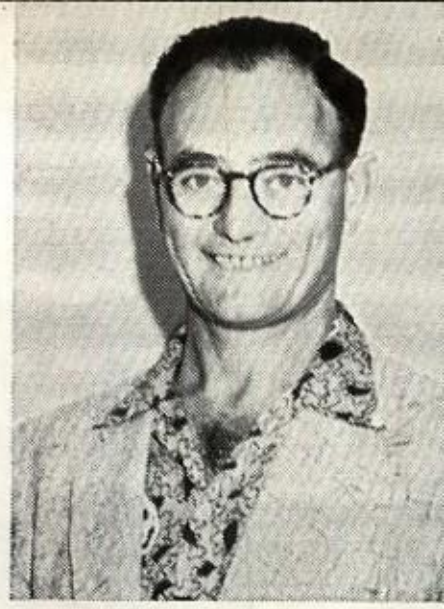
dan bledsoe
counseling, chemistry,
math 1b, coaching





henry j. moroski
soc. sci. coaching,
counseling

lee speich
english III, spanish I,
yearbook



burley dooley
ag. II, counseling

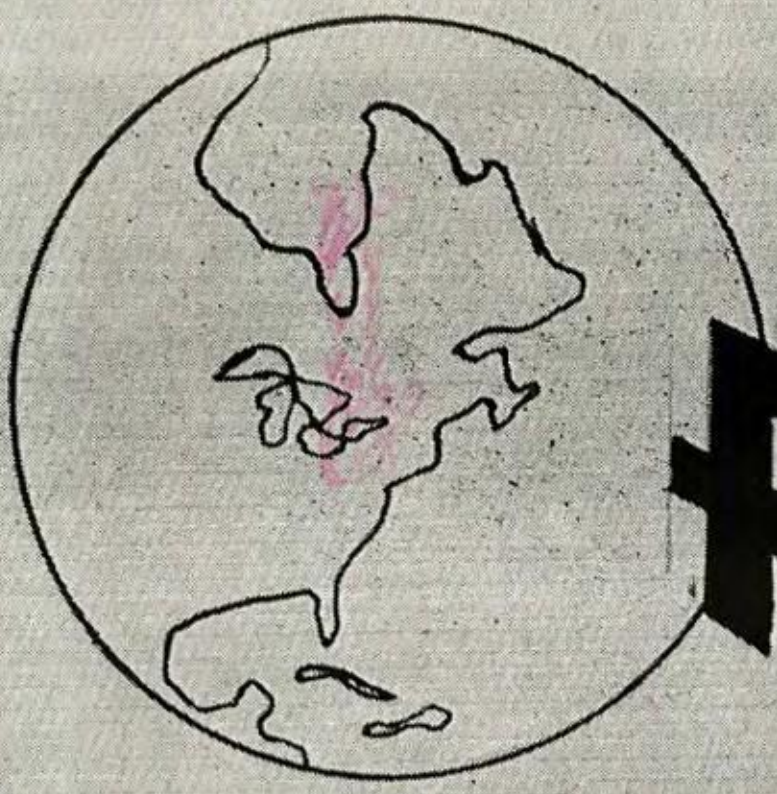
dr. wilson m. stone
reading

glenn o. nay
agri. III, IV

odile m. stannard
public speaking,
english III, IV

Pat, I've really enjoyed having a class with you this year. Best of luck in the future.

A friend always,
Linda
'58



frosh

Pat,
you're a
real sweet girl
and I wish you
lots of luck always.
You really deserve it.
Bette Mayberry
'58

back row: jim carter, gordon carpenter, bill beckham, bonner boel, dwaine banks, mike brown, john armendariz, william araujo, charles bland, donald anderson, marion barry, wallace cook, wendell cates. second row: roy chill, ivan cole, nadine bellows, carol barton, jean braisher, carol anderson, anna brown, louise bias, emma baker, john bennett. front row: joe banks, joyleen brown, peggy bowling, ella bursey, barbara bowers, lucille barnes, mary brooks, louise barker, patsy bankston.

new class presents new faces

back row: canford davidson, frank davis, howard duck, pat crum, curtis daniel, billy ebling, edward crane, rudy estavillo, pat harding, donald disney. second row: rosalie guenther, virgie carroll, ruth chester, jackie cardwell, diana carter, lynda fike, sharon eidsen, claudette forehand, jo ann fields, darlene gallagher. first row: wayne dickinson, sandra duke, geneva ford, florence clark, freada dyer, charlotte ellison, rachel cota, rita chavez, loyce george, pat fuller.

first sem. officers: pres., john armendariz; vice pres., richard sowder; sec., carol barton; yell leaders, paula mcclure and vernice taber; sec., verna peters.

the advisors of the freshman class were all new teachers to our school, mr. foreman, mr. easterbrook and miss michiletti.

back row: c. l. howell, james reeves, leonard duck, don grant, tommy harrison, kenneth fox, dennis fink, archie fraser, bobby grewell. second row: james green, ken johnson, doris haworth, nickie harp, betty hearn, linda hanson, dorothy foster, sue fowler, mary glass, glen johnson, dennis gaede. first row: regina horton, jjoan hamlin, margaret freedman, sally firkins, louise fulfer, robert florez, larry fink.

back row: william roark, james sherrill, william robinson, charles robinson, richard sowder, kenneth stacy, robert smithson, kenneth schultz, victor smith, ray rice, leslie sellars. second row: patricia thompson, june smith, janice straube, helen sharp, lola smithson, billie simpson, linda smith. first row: dorothy sanders, beverly shultz, reba sill, rosalyn tatum, clara tate, vernice taber, letha sumtor.

Pat.
You a very swell girl
I've enjoyed being your
close mate these past
years. I'm looking
forward to seeing
you next year.
Lots of Luck. Always
A friend
Reba Sill
"58"

back row: verlin meisner, elmer ledbetter, mike king, leonard jones, james jones, carl kubelmann, charles lambert, bobby krause, richard lytle. second row: bobby lewis, sally mendias, etta lee, bette maxberry, colleen jones, geraldine jones, francis johnson, martha mitchell, neoma jarrard, lola howard. first row: vern kern, reuben marquez, nona johnson, diana mettler, pat jones, jane jones, kathy kadel, doris kilgore, evelyn kloeppel.

back row: elias verlade, carlos noriega, j. b. love, raymond villalvazo, frank whitbey, harold tolbert, genson miller, willie woolfolk, jerry whicker, bobby weaver, don trout, leeman parker, owen hiler. second row: tom vera, ronald witcher, bruce wishon, richard warneke, dave howard, lavina unruh, carlyn townson, augusta washington, jeanett hester, sharon turner, jean davis, hermin moren. first row: hern horn, mike wilson, doyle williamson, mary williams, marilyn warron, alice tillman, lorene vickers, donna waters, velta vigus, dorothy hosey, charles wright.

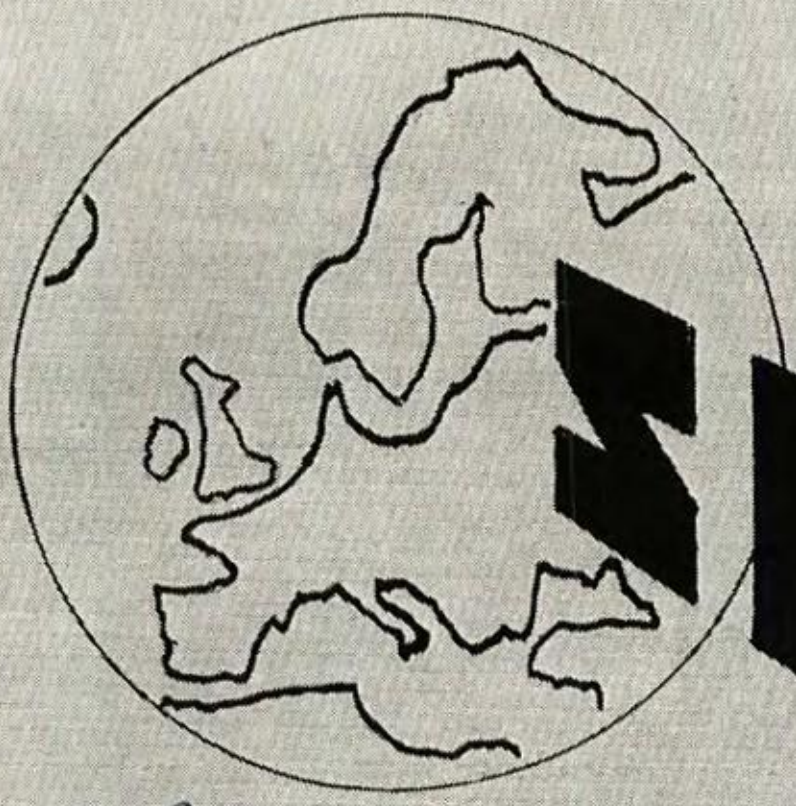
the football fans enjoy the freshmen hot chocolate.

nosing onions across the floor was one of the trials the freshmen went through during their initiation.

the freshmen join in with the upper classmen to play such games as volleyball.

bobbing for apples at christmas time is much more fun than bobbing for onions at the freshmen initiation.

back row: edward parks, warren nelson, kermit prickett, olin garrett, g. c. reed, jerry mccreight, gene mcgraw, jimmy nixon, glen putman, ronald mcdonald, dennis mcdonald. second row: david northam, milton patrick, leroy mcmillan, donald ogle, edward reed, sandra newboles, clarice mouser, judy mcclellan, verna peters, mona moor, jimmy mcclure. first row: rosalie perry, mary rios, lavonia pendergraft, nancy pierce, paula mcclure, nora ross, sherry padgett.



Soph's

Pat,
I'll write here because
we'll be in this class
next year. I have had
lots and lots of fun with
you as my next door neighbor.
Remember when you and would
play tag with Ronald and Bruce. and
when we climbs the trees. and when
we used to skate out in front of our
houses. Yes, we had lots of good times
together and I hope we have many more.
I wish you all the luck in the world,
in the future. May all your many dreams
come true, all through the years.

Love,
Nancy Price
'58

mr. galante, mrs. stannard and mr. creswell were advisors to the sophomore class.

first sem. officers: willie kelly, pres.; vaughn taylor, vice pres.; ann sherrill, barbara maupin, linda robey, yell leaders; joan eckmann, sec.; jean thomas, social chairman.

the sophmore class enjoys

back row: johnnie burch, charles dansley, jesse bradford, luciano carrasco, larry banks, bill crawford, dennis bledsoe, jerry bonham, don beaver, george absher. second row: richard arreola, james cummings, gloria broom, paula allen, jerrene bradshaw, mary brown, melva bell, pat ballard, robbie blakemore. first row: david jarrard, mike camillo, hazel bardell, dorothy bullock, carol anderson, lupe arismendez, darlene barnes, barbara beaver.

back row: alton french, walter duncan, lonnie dearmore, homer hecter, jackie ford, jerry heiser, larry hamilton, fyrel fenton, bob funk. second row: ronald dickinson, jesse grumbles, joan eckmann, pat cornell, jonni coltran, ardetta clement, barbara davis, joyce carr, dorothy crane. first row: raymond haworth, ann cummings, jane dauphin, lonnie davis, vivian butcher, audrey dunn, jerri cardwell.

many activities

back row: ross johnson, pete jara, billy howze, paul jones, a. j. hopkins, kenneth kirkpatrick, jim loper, bruce krieg, teddy hill, curtis hiler. second row: jerry lauderdale, olen hutchings, mary grant, edna hanson, kathleen giles, barbara howze, priscilla johnson, virginia fields, patricia fowler. first row: willie kelley, lester klein, geneva holland, tilda franco, barbara fenton, jo ann greer, lenora holmn, nova dell holman.

back row: howard nanney, charles mitchell, larry mullins, ken lott, gene lytle, don mansfield, clay norman, gene nichol, ralph marquez, manuel lopez. second row: donald neufeld, don mcclure, elnora lane, rosella mettler, larae pilgrim, sharon nusz, jo-ann mettler, delores mitchell, elvesta jones. first row: don maupin, barbara maupin, sue phillips, christeen jones, cecilia lopez, barbara migdat.

back row: roy ryan, don shackleford, cruz sabedra, paul scott, joe silva, mike steele, gervis robey, leroy simpson, marshall smith, jimmy padgett. second row: marvin schmidt, ann sherrill, ruby sanders, louise howell, millie penkerton, joyce milam, mary dean, lupe prendez, rosie plaza, alex prendez, jimmie smith. first row: carolyn roberts, judy shultz, mary skinner, marguerite shockley, barbara self, goldie mahan, bernice sprague, linda robey, carol rosales.

back row: tommy tacket, ray stewart, eugene sullivan, vaughn taylor, gary wilson, rex tudor, harvey stone, larry vannatta, gary tidwell, harvey waters. second row: benny lamas, benny west, jean thomas, sandra steele, dorothy weitz, june thompson, alvin walker, lanney white. first row: barbara webb, phyllis waters, elloise wherry, mary washington, joyce woods, robby tharp, henry true, art williford.

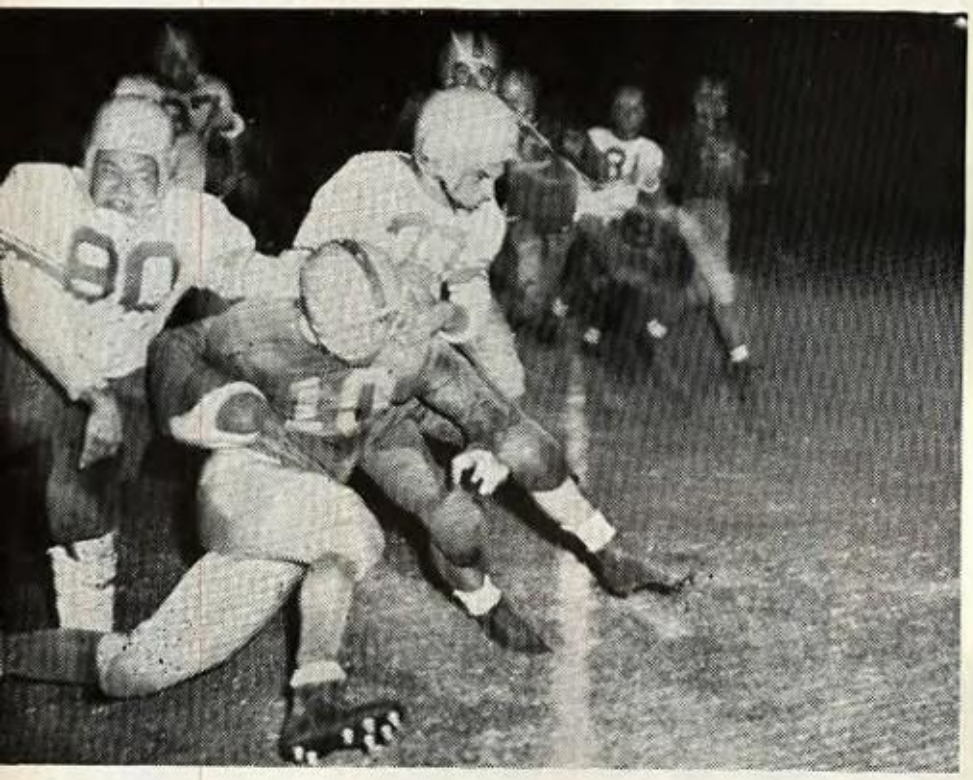
everyone seemed to enjoy the shafter-wasco victory dance given by the sophomore class.

jo ann and jean are supporting their class by selling pins.

generals		opponents
27	north high	0
6	arvin	0
14	taft	34
13	sanger	12
6	coalinga	7
19	lemoore	20
6	corcoran	44
14	exeter	20
0	wasco	13

kirschenmann downs a ball carrier from lemoore.

engle and bonham down a taft wildcat.



the shafter generals started their season by winning the first three games from north high, arvin, and sanger, but they could not win any of the other sequoia league games. the loss of the games was partly due to the injuries of the players. the generals were coached by mr. dan bledsoe and assistant coach, mr. gaye pare. the mainstays for the generals were mike steele, joe borjon, bill hearn, lawrence becker, jim engle, george larson, wayne kirschenmann, bob goossen, and glenn morris.

front row: b. goossen, e. ellis, g. larson, j. engle, w. kirschenmann, b. hearn, h. crite, j. bonham, g. morris, j. borjon, m. steele. middle row: d. bledsoe, coach, b. hamilton, c. kastner, l. moser, c. new, r. tatum, d. robinson, w. bradshaw, j. grumbles, e. criner, g. handel, g. pare, coach. back row: o. cates, mgr., l. chavez, o. hamlin, d. mendias, l. banks, r. eslick, d. morris, h. gladden, j. bradford, c. bonham, l. schultz. missing: l. becker.

exeter man fumbles the ball and crite recovers.

gladden, engle, and new get set to block a conversion.

engle, morris and kirschenmann gather round the wasco tiger.

shafter rooters happily claim the sportsmanship bell.

colonels		opponents
12	north high	13
0	arvin	34
13	taft	0
13	sanger	12
33	coalinga	7
14	lemoore	6
37	exeter	0
7	corcoran	0
63	wasco	13

wilson gets set to drop a taft kitten.

b and c football

bucks		opponents
0	e. b.	27
13	wasco	6
6	wasco	13
0	k. c.	25
12	k. c.	25
0	e. b.	12
6	kern valley	13

taft man downs muir after a nice gain.

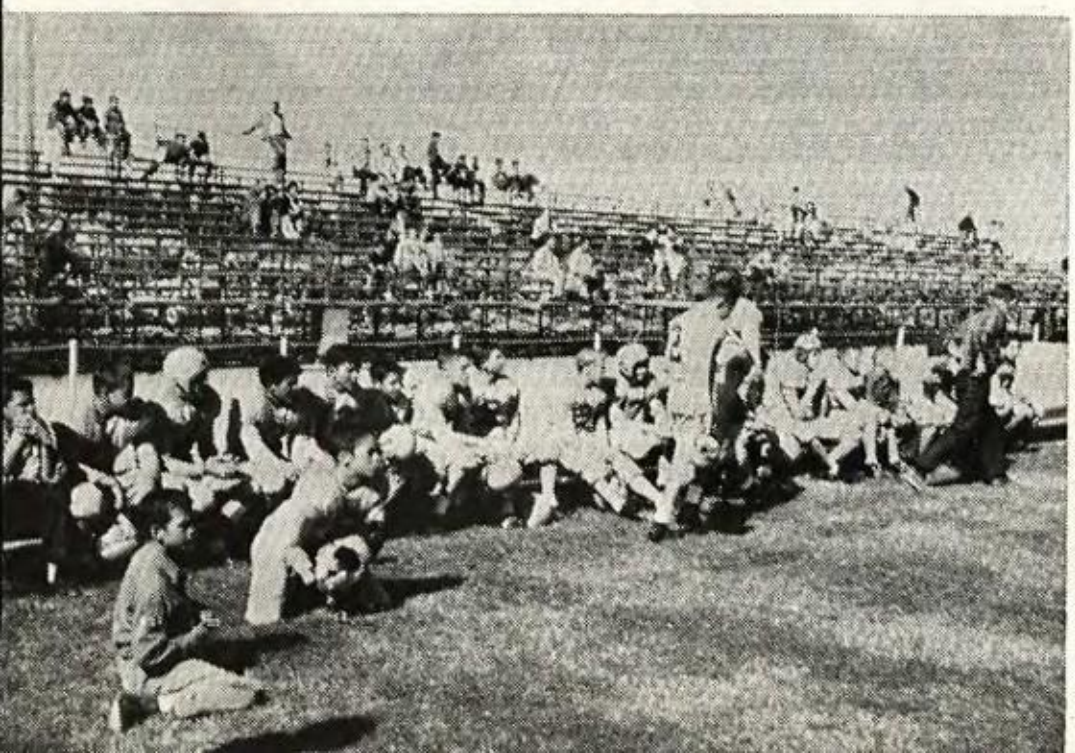
front row: j. grumbles, mgr., d. nieto, j. brown, g. tidwell, c. mitchell, b. trout, d. burnquist, j. ragsdale, f. lamas, b. turner, w. wilson, b. muir, r. johnson, mgr. middle row: d. murfin, coach, l. white, l. banks, b. vignolo, m. smith, r. tudor, b. west, j. broom, b. weaver, c. l. howell, d. mccauley, coach. back row: p. jara, m. lopez, j. johnston, a. prendez, j. lauderdale, k. lott, g. robey, j. curry, j. saenz, l. mouser.

the b's under the coaching of mr. mc cauley and ass't coach mr. murfin won the sequoia league this year with only two losses. the mainstays for the b's were b. turner, f. lamas, w. wilson, p. jara, d. burnquist, b. trout, c. mitchell, g. tidwell, b. muir, j. brown and d. nieto.

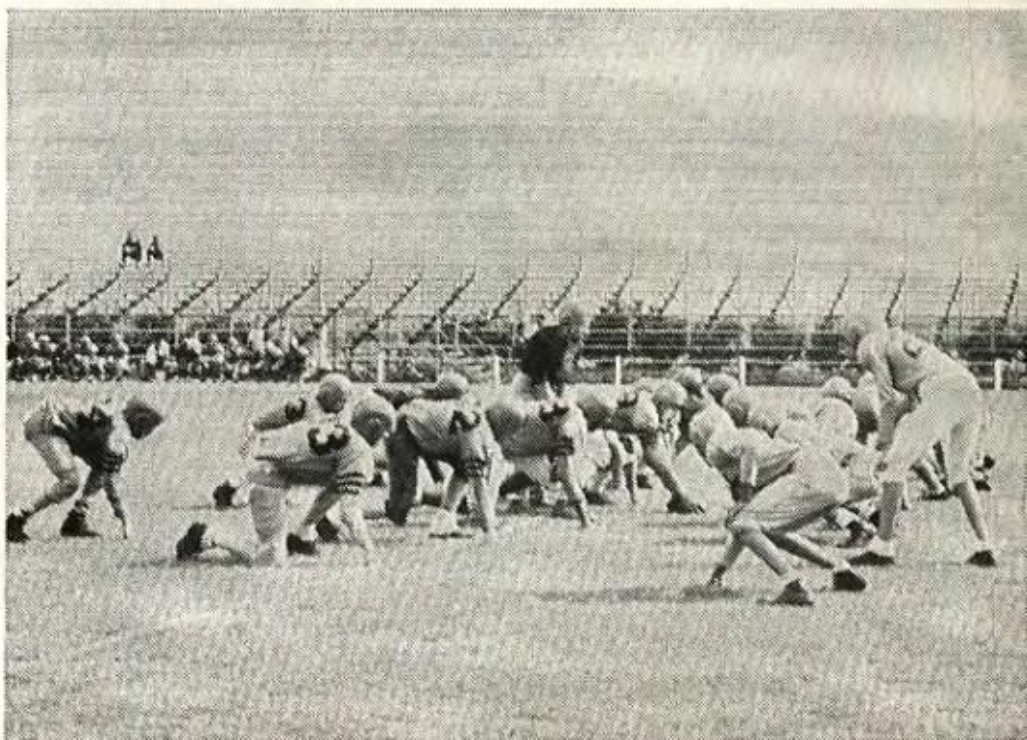
a wasco tiger rams nieto

front row: w. nelson, w. cates, t. harrison, d. mansfield, j. love, g. putman, d. trout, b. wilson, b. lamas, g. absher. middle row: s. creswell, coach, d. banks, h. duck, b. boel, j. armendariz, c. sabedra, g. carpenter, m. brown, r. warneke, o. hiler, ass't. coach, b. cummings. back row: o. cates, mgr., j. banks, e. parks, j. nixo n, d. bledsoe, m. barry, p. scott, r. florez, r. witcher.

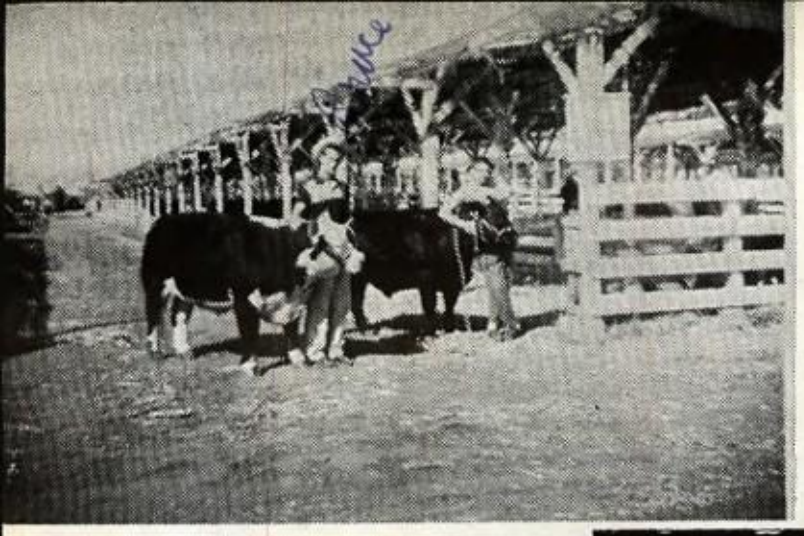
bucks sweat it out during the wasco game.



m. carrillo calls signals for the bucks.



f.f.a. swings through another year

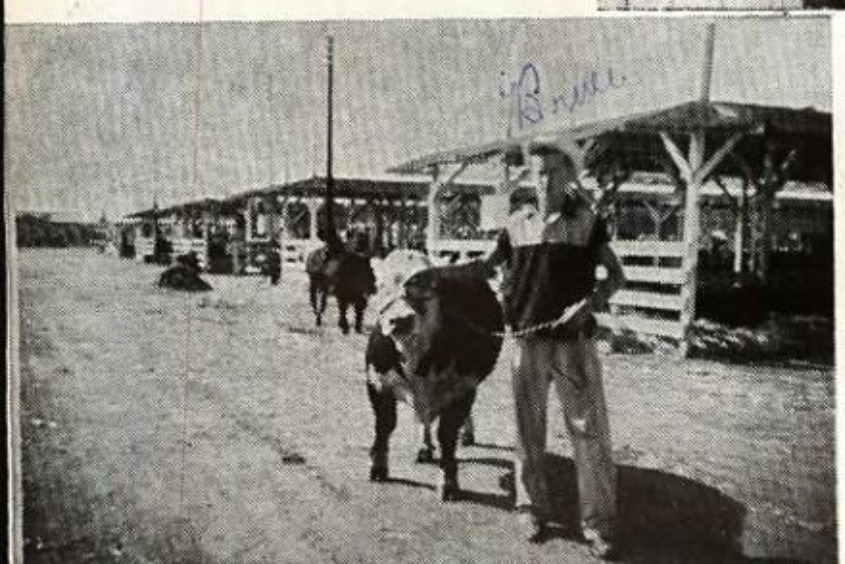


bruce epp and ross johnson show two fine steers which were on display at the kern county fair.

hungry students enjoy hotdogs and pop.

first semester officers are: standing—vice-president, paul anderson; reporter, ross johnson; sentinel, henry warkentine; treasurer, sam baker; seated, president woody wilson.

a group of happy party-goers pose.



bruce epp proudly poses with his entry in the 1955 fair.

girl's league

club advisor,
mrs. thelma martin

the big and little sisters get acquainted to music at the first meeting.

the officers of girls' league are the following: standing: advisor, mrs. martin; hospitality chairman, helen shields; senior class representative, sue howell; junior class representative, carol irvin; sophomore class representative, nova dell holman; freshman class representative, clarice mouser; historian, valora kirschenmann. seated: social chairman, norma hooks; vice-president, lawanda edwards; president, barbara hardwick; secretary, patsy cook; treasurer, carol giesbrecht.

new club called the girl's league as formed this year, the purpose eing to better acquaint freshman nd new girls with our school, and o provide a club for all girls at-ending shafter high school.

he club's first activity was the in-roduction of the little sisters, all ew girls, to their big sisters. a onstitution was later drawn up nd officers were elected, which cluded a representative from ach class.

first president,
barbara hardwick

our student body stand serves us very well at our home games.

the boys give a skit for a pep rally.

it's football season!

the new grandstand was packed for our first home game and throughout the season.

the shafter generals are practicing to get in shape for the shafter-wasco clash.

song and yell leaders are from left to right: doris wilson, linda robey, joyce mcdonald, barbara hardwick, carol giesbrecht, standing, woody wilson.

the wasco tiger is being burned in effigy at the rally the night before the game.

flame appears to envelop the crowd at the wasco rally.

it's football season!

the "bop" is now a popular dance everyone is doing.

everyone enjoys the dances after the games.

unfortunately miss victory didn't smile on the shafter generals this year and wasco won. watch out for that big general next year. he's going to win.

tired but victorious, the shafter generals leave the field.

the gayblades from e. b.

twirp twirl queen mary brown
and king larry mullins.

twirp week

the girls picked the boys for a peppy bunny hop.

barbara maupin and jane jones carry bill nixon
and joe coodey's books to class.

mary de vincenzo opens the door for robert millwee

fall activities

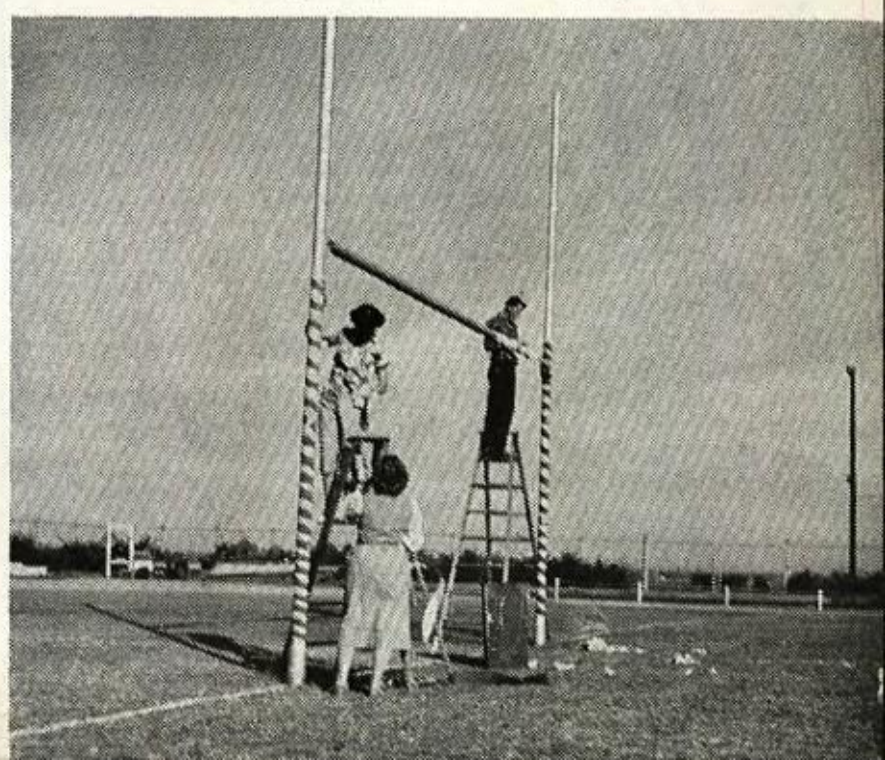
parents recall old memories and learn of new advancements in teaching on back to school night.

one of the many activities of the pep club is selling beanies.

everyone enjoys co-ed recreation.

mr. schacht gives a lecture to parents in woodshop.

this year, as every year, the pep club decorates the goal posts for every game



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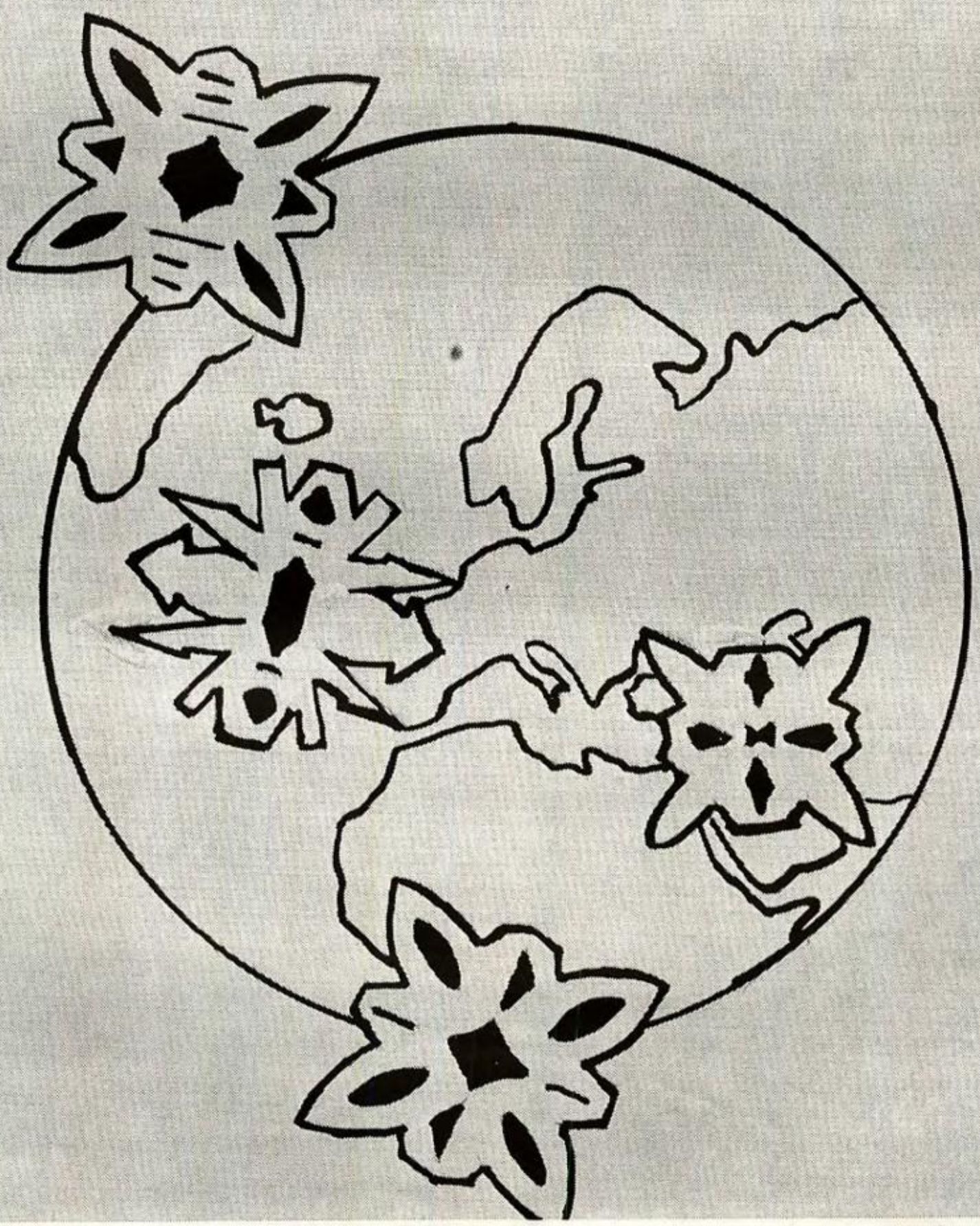

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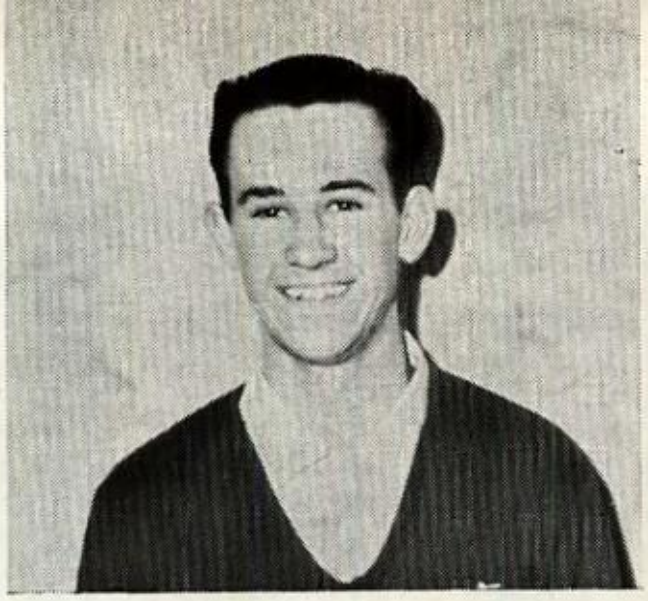


bill cummings, president

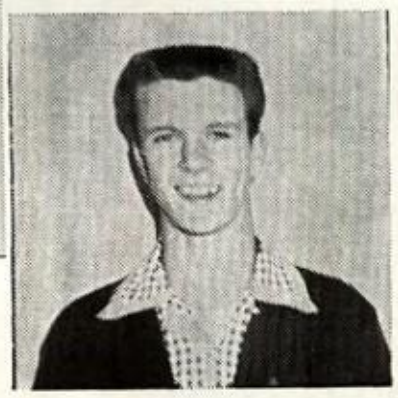
our first semester officers accomplished a great deal during their term in office. besides solving many problems for the student body this select group also represented our school well in many outside activities.

george larson
vice president

jack brown
business manager

mary de vincenzo
secretary

jean thomas
social chairman

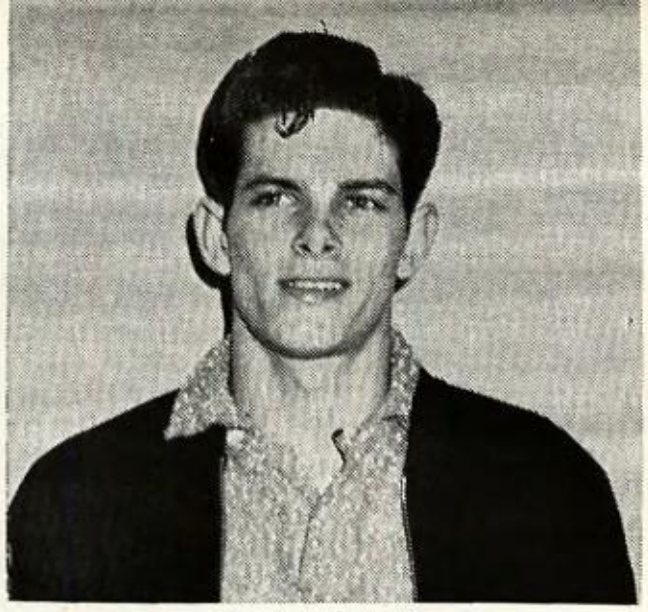


woody wilson
yell leader

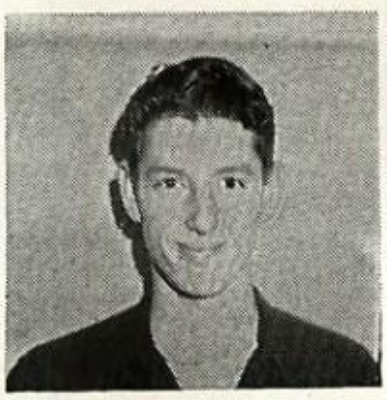
ex-board in action

officers

second semester officers were chosen during some of the closest elections in recent years. they have continued the work begun by the first semester officers.



robert millwee, president



charlie glenn
student body
stand manager

barbara hardwick
social chairman

edward ellis
vice president

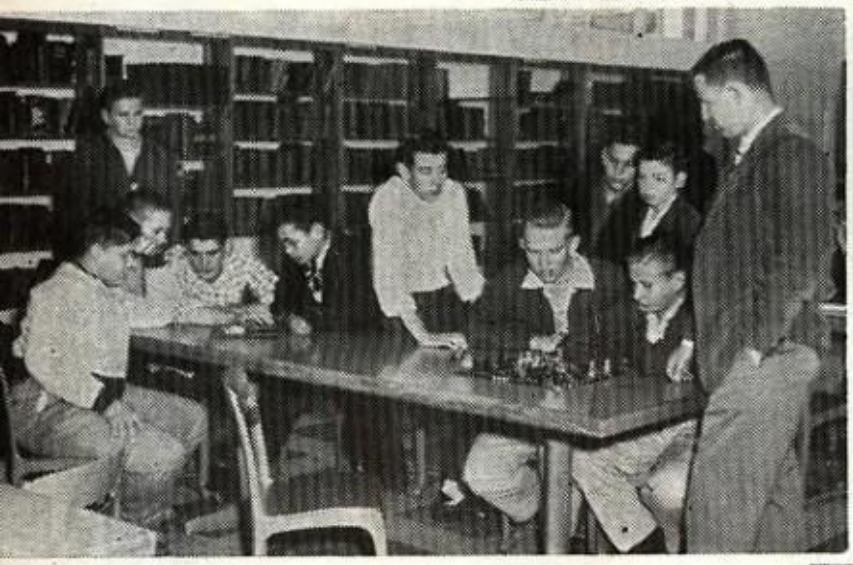
mary de vincenzo
secretary

bruce muir
business manager

the 2nd semester officers at work.

small clubs also active

art club adds its cheery note by decorating bulletin boards on campus.



members of the how and why club have spent many exciting hours on different types of field trips.

one of the most important service clubs on campus is the library club. some of the members have even donated lunch hours to show noon movies for the recreation department.

chess club members enjoy playing their favorite game, "chess." this is another newly organized club. chess has become so popular with the members that they can be found playing it on portable chess boards in the classrooms. Just as bop, chess has invaded shafter high.

turkey trot

this year as in the past the gaa came up with a very successful turkey trot. prizes were won, entertainment was given and on the whole, a lot of fun was had by everyone.
as usual the queen and her court was introduced.

left to right—princesses sue howell and la wanda edwards, maid of honor joyce mcdonald, queen doris wilson, princesses patsy cook, virginia taylor and la verne liles.

for the entertainment this year the girls perform the goofus dance.

lucky winner rosella mettler collects her prize from gaa president la wanda edwards.

coronation ball queen

for 1954

doris wilson

heading her court

princess, lawanda edwards

princess, patsy cook

princess, sue howell

maid of honor, joyce mcdonald

princess, virginia taylor

narrator, laverne liles

a midsummer

the work on the side scenes moves along rapidly.

the ceiling committee poses for the cameraman.

doris dances with bill.

the court; from left to right: v. loftin, v. taylor, b. muir, s. howell, r. millwee, j. mcdonald, d. wilson, b. cummings, p. cook, w. wilson, l. edwards, g. levi, l. liles, j. brown. attendants: b. spencer, g. olson, c. mouser, r. bridges, g. hill, v. rice, d. baker, d. jensen.

night's dream

doris on her throne

leo anderson's band

the refreshment booth

the grand march

the coronation ball

christmas

the dramatics class performs at christmas pageant.

miss michiletti directs the girls' and boys' choruses.

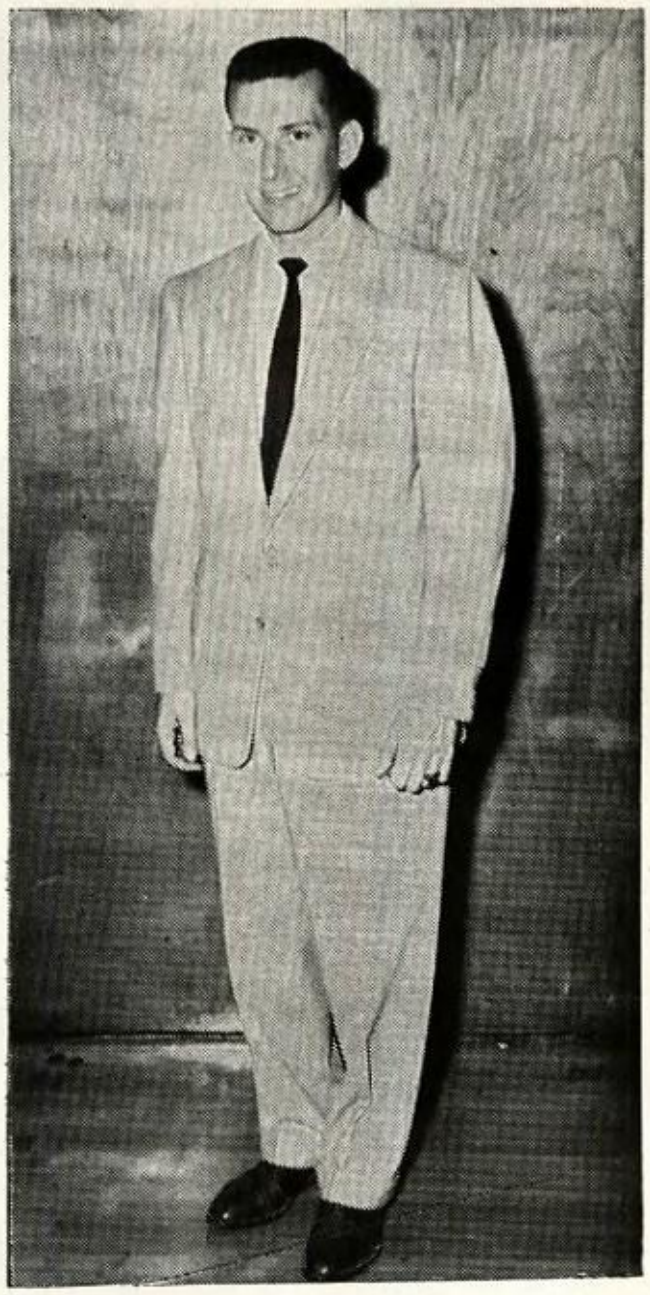
mrs. stannard leads her public speaking class in "the night before christmas."

the girls' glee club sings

the boys' chorus entrances the audience.

pageant

the band rehearses for the pageant



mr. fahsbender leads our band.

a play is given by the dramatics club.

the band sounds good.

miss collett directs the dramatics club in a play.

a capella choir; row 1: paula mc clure, pat jones, carolyn jenkins, alice mathis, donna michael, carolyn wilson, carol giesbrecht, joyce mcdonald, shirley conn, nona johnson, jane jones, carol anderson. row 2: lorene tugman, jane dauphin, ann sherrill, carolyn roberts, judy janzen, judy shultz, eileen bradshaw, clara tate, mary suderman, donna young, lavina unruh, vivian butcher. row 3: verna schmidt, barbara wilcoxen, norma mixon, ann cummings, royce eslick, jim engel, jack curry, jonni coltran, raynetta mann, barbara prickett, etta lee, donna skidmore. row 4: donald neufeld, luis flores, robert taylor, lionel nightengale, oliver cates, lawrence becker, roger tatum, ray rice, pauline anderson.

members of the boys' chorus; row 1: don bender, jim engel jack curry, harold howard, owen hiler, dennis gaede. row 2 olin garrett, dcnald klassen, luis flores, ray rice, mckinle dillard. row 3: ray blattenberg, billy unruh, oliver cates, rober taylor, vick loftin, michal steele.

band, row 1: obie hamlin, herman linden, philip johnson, jack curry, joe hicks, eric hansom, mary devincenzo, judy janzen, norma craig, elaine ross, sherry cassidy, marlene enns. row 2: richard lytle, bob grossman, dale morris, leonard duck, gerald bender, joel saenz, dick nieto, leroy mouser, norma hooks, roger tatum, russell harden, bob goossen. row 3: charlie glenn, wayne kirschenmann, mary suderman, bobby holmes, elro cramer, roy ryan, dennis gaede, gervis robey, alvin walker, royce eslick. row 4: claude new, joe grumbles, don neufeld, luciano carrasco, jesse grumbles, harold neuman, jack noriega, bruce muir.

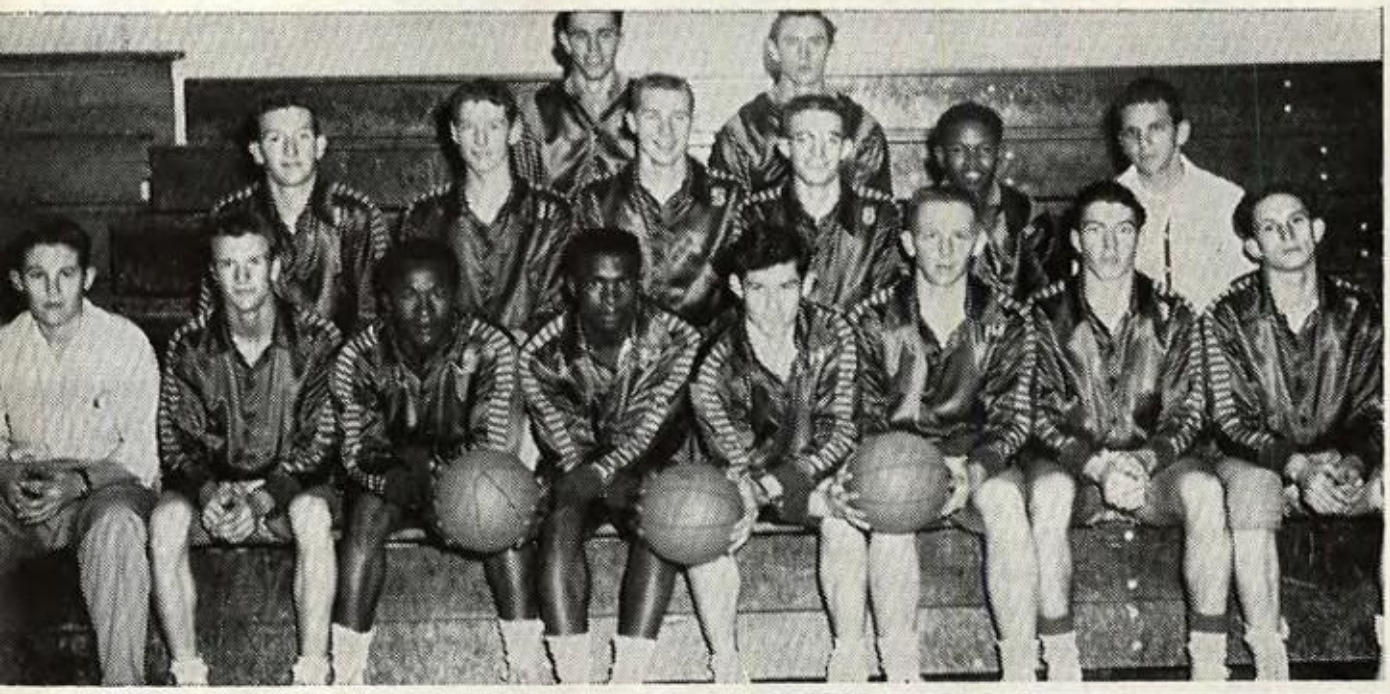
girls' glee, row 1: lorene tugman, velta vigus, pat jones, paula mc clure, carolyn roberts margie hearon, donna michael, carolyn wilson, joyce coltran, emma giles, eileen bradshaw, helen sharp, alice tillman, carol anderson. row 2: ann sherrill, carloyn jenkins, gloria broom, phyllis waters, judie shultz, marcella johns, alice mathis, velta daniel, jean davis, clara tate, donna young. row 3: jane dauphin, ann cummings, verna schmidt, ella mae bursey, leona white, delores mitchell, lonnie davis, shirley conn, jonni coltran, donna skidmore, raynetta mann. row 4: barbara wilcoxon, vivian butcher, jennifer collins, etta lee, mary grant, elnora lane, christeene jones, edna hanson, pauline anderson.

the 1955 majorettes; standing: larae pilgrim, betty cunningham, kay duerkson, sally firkins; kneeling: jane jones, archie jordan and margaret freedman.

members of the new string orchestra: lavina unruh, carol barton, clarice mouser, carolyn wilson, linda fike, nona johnson, norma mixon.

generals place third in the sequoia league

front row: jesse grumbles, woody wilson, jesse bradford, ed ellis, george love, bob goossen, bill nixon, bill hamilton. second row: vaughn taylor, charlie anderson, glen handel, larry mullins, ellis criner, coach mr. moroski. third row: sam baker, paul anderson.



the shafter generals closed their season and nailed down third place in the south sequoia league with a record of six wins and four losses. the mainstays for this year were george love, bill nixon, bob goosen, bill hamilton and ed ellis. mr. pare's b team took 2nd in the league and mr. murfin's club, 2nd.

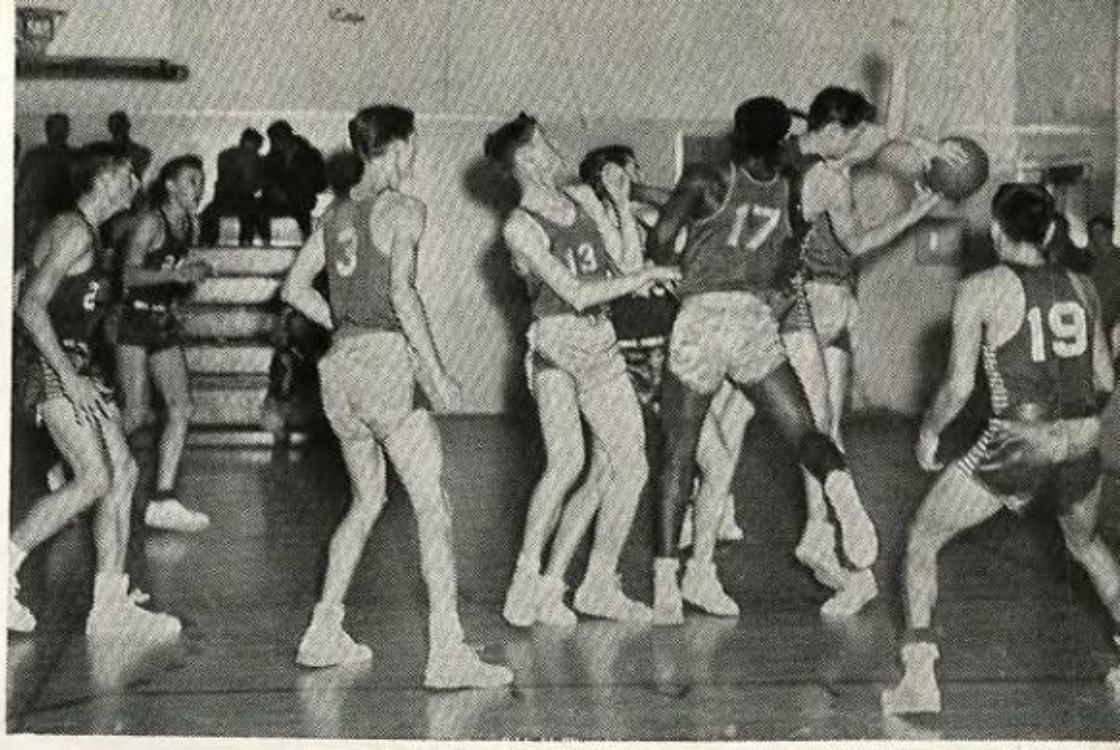
coach, mr. moroski

the pep band entertains between quarters.

monarchs attempt a shot. j. bradford and r. love wait for its return.

j. bradford grabs rebound as it comes down.

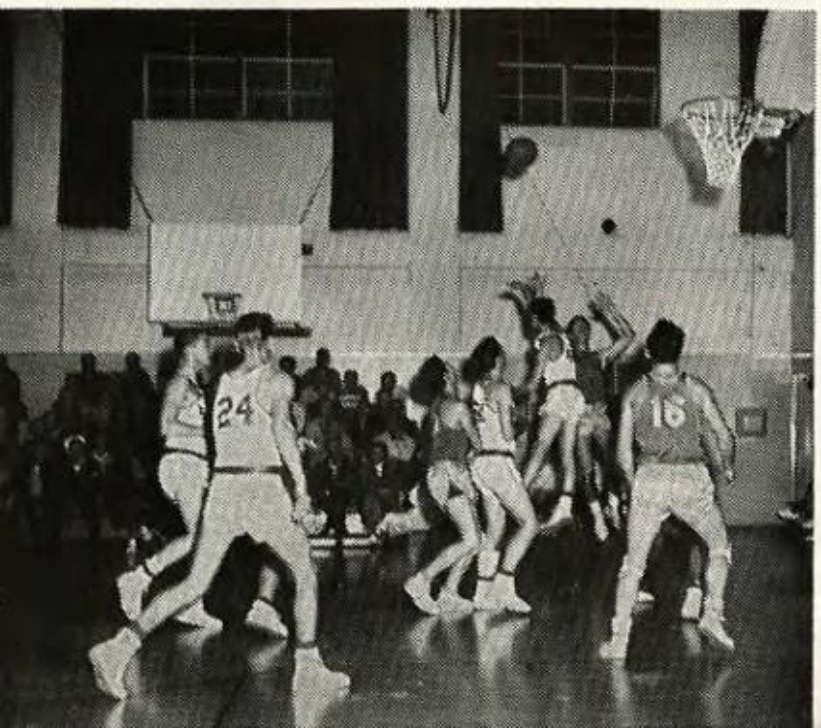
george love jumps high after a rebound but not high enough.



nice teamwork makes a mcfarland cougar lose the ball.

31	wasco	30
46	wasco	45
34	exeter	42
33	exeter	54
36	lemoore	39
33	lemoore	47
38	corcoran	15
51	corcoran	31
41	coalinga	30
33	coalinga	18

ed ellis snatches the ball away from a wasco tiger.



nixon takes a favorite jump shot.

a scramble for an exeter rebound.

bucks and colonels place second in league.

colonels		opponents
27	wasco	45
26	wasco	63
49	corcoran	21
47	corcoran	27
39	exeter	27
35	exeter	23
35	coalinga	20
27	coalinga	20
31	lemoore	57
37	lemoore	35

last row: b. grossman, r. warneke, j. curry, b. west, l. banks, middle row: f. fenton, j. nieto, j. nixon, l. mettler, p. jones. front row: o. cates, mgr; j. coodey, k. kroeker, j. brown, g. lytle, j. broom, mr. pare.

broom sinks a perfect jump shot as a wasco man tries to stop it.

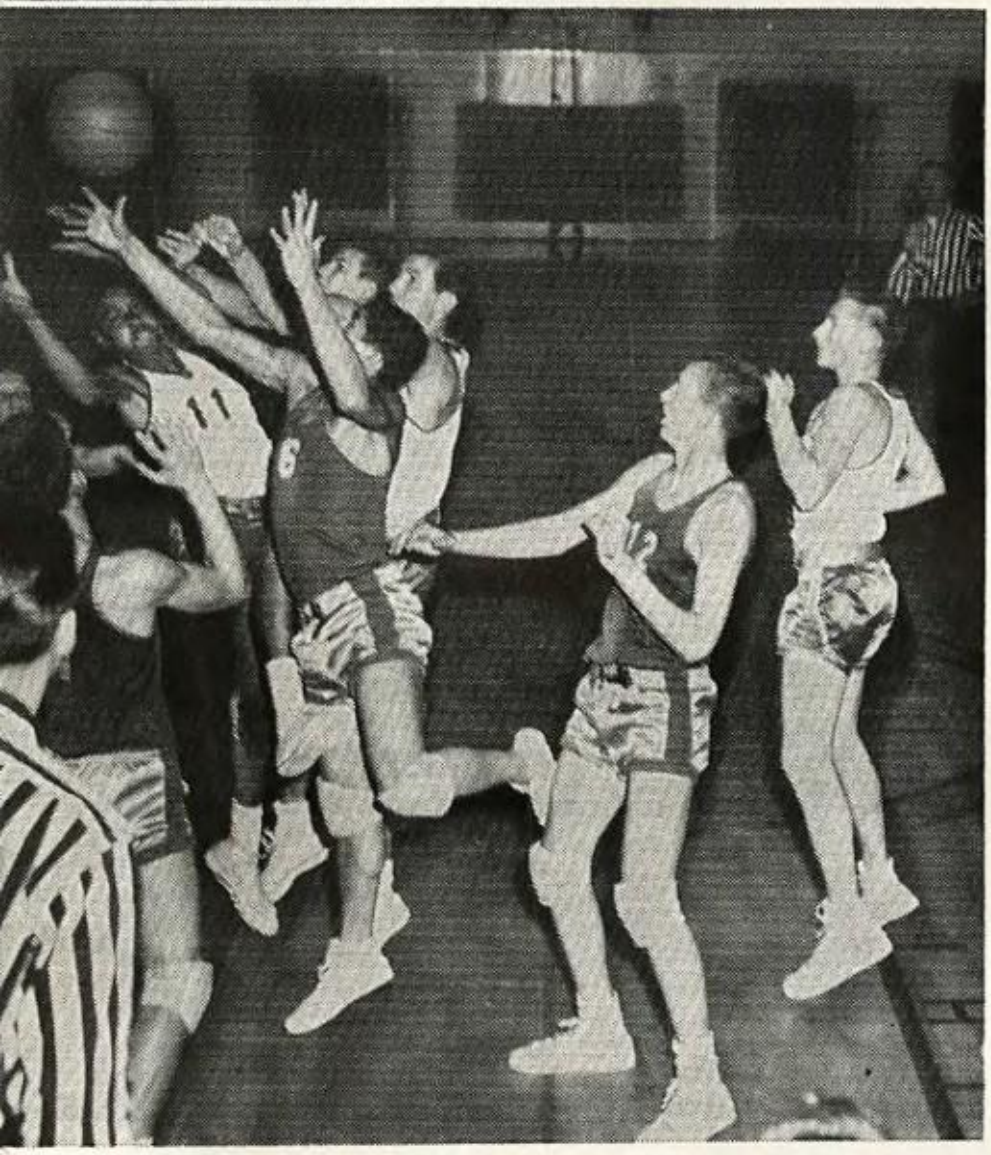
coach gaye pare

lack of height keeps jackie brown from reaching the ball.

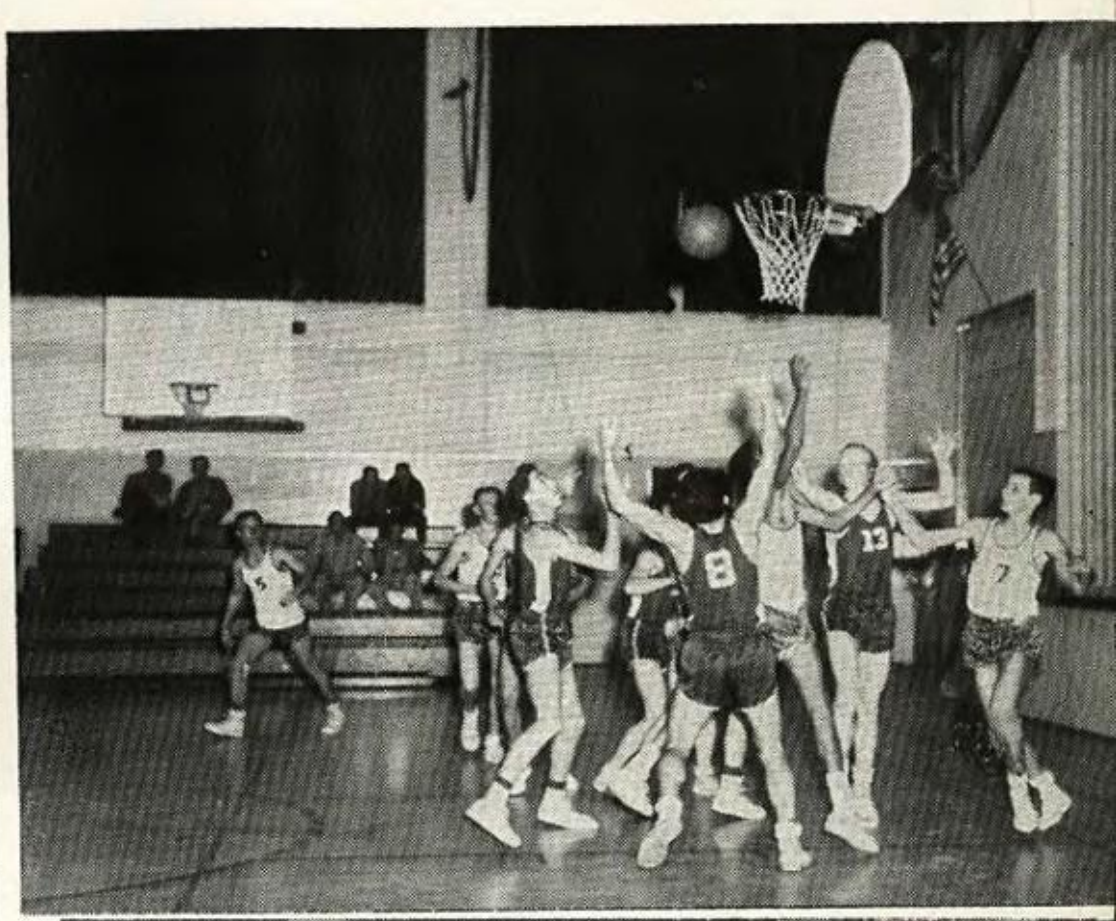
lack of height and experience handicapped the colonels somewhat. however, they improved every game they should provide a good nucleus for the a's next year since most of them are underclassmen. according to mr. pare he is very proud of his boys. the mainstays for the b's this year were as follows: b. turner, j. broom, f. fenton, j. coodey, k. kroecker. according to mr. pare these boys gave the game their best.

the c's put all they had in the game. according to mr. murfin most of these boys should be ready to play b. basketball next year. the mainstays for the c's were: k. lott, b. funk, j. lauderdale, d. thompson, o. hiler, d. mansfield. others that showed a lot of effort were m. brown, g. robey, j. nixon, and d. bledsoe.

kroecker tips the ball to broom, no. 10, at the wasco game



exeter man, broom and turner struggle for the ball.



broom and mcfarland boys fight for a rebound.

k. kroecker sinks one easily for two points.

bucks		opponents
26	wasco	22
39	wasco	35
22	exeter	33
34	exeter	36
26	lemoore	21
34	lemoore	27
39	corcoran	26
29	corcoran	26
49	coalinga	4
34	coalinga	18

back row: d. bledsoe, d. mansfield, g. putman, m. brown, j. nixon, g. robey, o. hiler. front row: j. johnston, mgr., j. lauderdale, k. lott, a, johnson, r. funk, d. thompson, d. murfin coach.

coach don murfin

ken lott and a wasco cub struggle for a rebound.

ken lott jumps for the ball after a missed bonus shot.

lauderdale keeps an eye on a wasco cub as he passes the ball to r. funk.

drama club presents...

a minute later we discovered bill cummings, student-body president, didn't know how to pin on the corsage miss collett received from the drama class.

robert millwee, ken kroeker and margaret freedman during the performance of what a life.

rehearsing for what a life are ken kroeker, nelson west, bill hamilton, nancy pierce and kneeling, marvin schmidt.

margaret freedman and janice straube apply make-up to verna peters and bill hamilton.

c. s. f.

amelia cornell, advisor

c. s. f. officers first semester were pres., jack robbins; soc. chr., lavonne stoller; sec., barbara hardwick; vice-pres, robert grossman.

on c. s. f. day edna crane shows merita reynolds how to gather the sleeve of her dress.

c. s. f. members were, row 1: barbara wilcoxon, pauline anderson, barbara hardwick, rita tiberghien, carol giesbrecht, norma hooks, lavelle stoller, virginia bender. row 2: valora kirschenmann, mary brown, dorothy weitz, jean thomas, lyda holman, louise burrows, lavonne stoller, norma craig, patsy cornell, mary devincenzo. row 3: gerald bender, roger tatum, jack robbins, robert grossman, gary wilson, eric hanson, alvin walker, bobby neuman. row 4: royce eslick, lawrence mettler, jack brown kenneth kroeker, joe borjon, bob funk, paul jones.

members of the new future teachers of america club; row 1: mr. foreman, advisor, jo-ann mettler, virginia fields, june thompson, norma hooks, caro. irvine, marlene enns.. row 2: mr. easterbrook, advisor, ruby sanders, rosella mettler, sharon nusz, sandy steele, jean thomas. row 3: george larson, mary devincenzo, lavelle stoller, louise burrows, lavonne stoller.

nadine bellows reads to her kindergarten class.

norma hooks helps some of the second graders with their numbers.

f.

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the quillen club is a new club organized this year. it is an official member of the national future teachers of america club. this club was probably the most active club in school this year. one of the most interesting things they did was to teach in the richland elementary schools. they also visited bakersfield college. advisors of the club were mr. easterbrook, mr. pare, and mr. foreman.

f. t. a. officers; principal, norma hooks; sec., marlene enns; vice-prin., carol irvin; ass't. supt. of finance, jo-ann mettler; vice-prin., lavonne stoller.

blocks

second semester officers: billy nixon, pres.; bill hearn, vice-pres.; dickie nieto, sec.; glenn handel, sergeant-at-arms.

the harlem roadkings played an exciting game against nick's drive-in team. the game was sponsored by the block s.

the block s examines the new letter jackets which will be regulation wear next year.

block s first semester officers and advisors, row 1: jesse bradford, sergeant-at-arms; bob goossen, vice-pres., ed ellis, pres.; glenn morris, sec-treas. row 2: lowell todd, ass't adv.; don murfin, ass't. adv.; don mccauley, adv.

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participants in the g. a. a. variety show: lionel nightengale, russel harden, luciano carrasco, jane jones, herman linden, and bob reeves.

g. a. a. officers and advisors: back row: lavelle stoller, recording sec.; billie wright, advisor; martha hitch, advisor; doris wilson, soc. chr. front row: lavonne stoller, vice-pres.; lawanda edwards, president; patsy cook, sec.

g. a. a. row 1: norma hooks, rita tiberghien, maria franco, irene arreola, marlene enns, carol giesbrecht, mary devincenzo, barbara hardwick, joyce mcdonald, mary brown, archie jordan, rosella mettler, lavonne stoller, patricia kayser, lavelle stoller, dorothy weitz. row 2: barbara absher, carolyn jenkins, norma mixon, barbara friedley, carole cartnal, nelda pearson, deloris potts, sharon nusz, janis beaver, edna crane, johnnie criner, gloria broom, pat cornell, linda robey. row 3: carolyn wilson, thelma latta, shirley coodey, ruby sanders, ann sherrill, carolyn roberts, june thompson, belvi moor, norma mc bee, toni ogle, frances higbee, donna skidmore, valora kirschenmann, carol anderson, eileen bradshaw, christeene jones, jerrene bradshaw. row 4: joyce milam, elnora lane, tiny giles, jean thomas, jo ann mettler, la rae pilgrim.

la wanda edwards

deloris potts

la velle stoller

mary de vincenzo

la vonne stoller

edna crane

g.a.a thousand point winners are the six girls above. they have worked hard the past four years and earned their points. they received their thousand point pins to wear on their letter sweaters.

odds

a big discussion is held before voting on a change in the school constitution.

the seniors from the state of florida are all "hep" at the primary election.

the harlem roadkings keep everyone roaring with laughter when they play nick's drive-in.

and ends

the melonaires sing several lively numbers at the football banquet.

a gay and colorful assembly was presented by the indian dancers.

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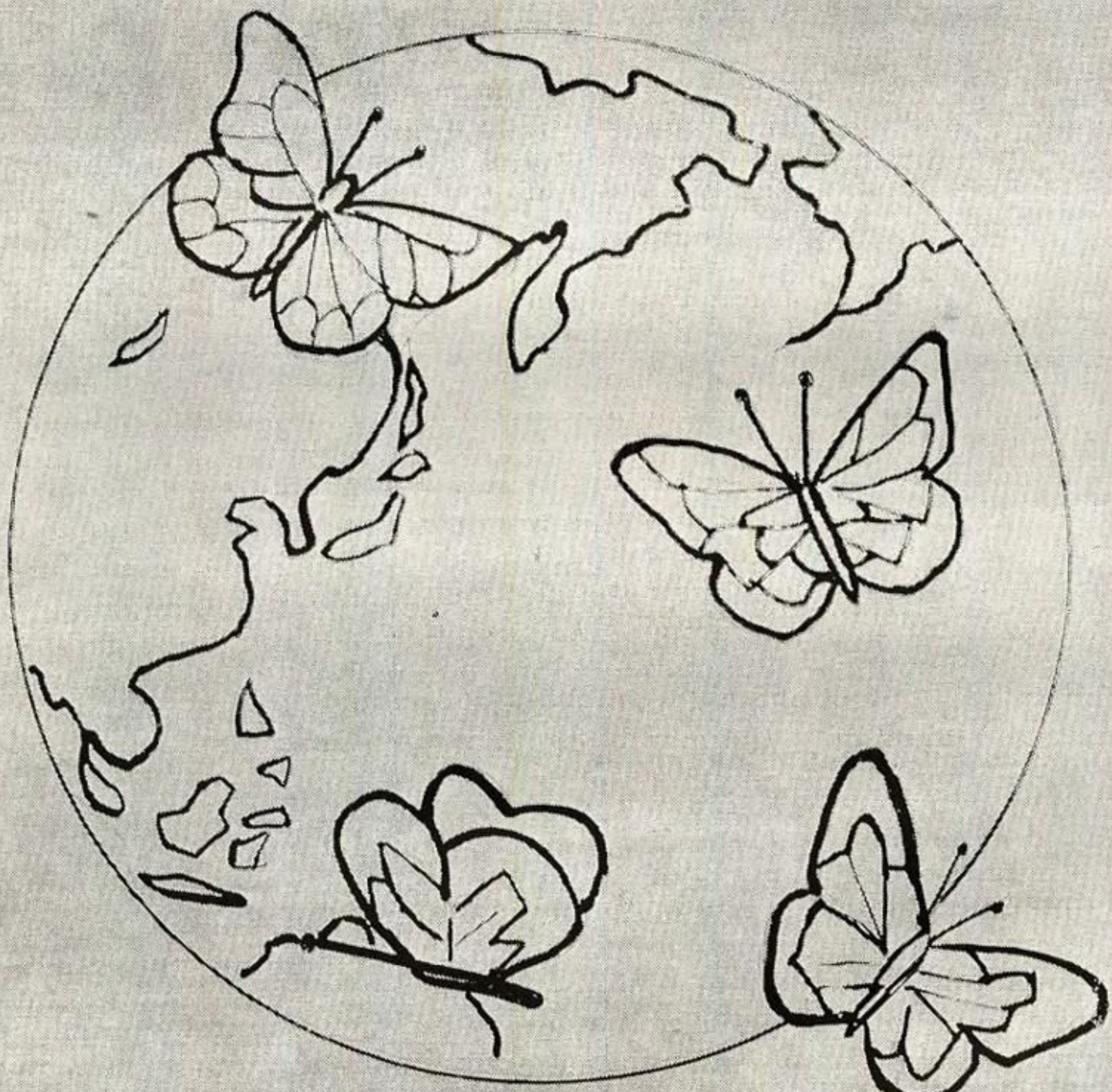

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the track team had very good turn outs this year since most all the boys came back. at the time of this writing the squad had a very good record. according to mr. todd the relay team, composed of ellis, crite, bradford and moser, was the outstanding group in the squad for speed. on the b squad, according mr. mccauly, bruce muir was the best broad jumper, and woody wilson was the pole vaulter.

front row: bob trout, robert grossman, bruce muir, shirley fox, manuel lopez, c. l. howell, larry mouser, jim broom, james everett. second row: rex tudor, marshall smith, lawrence mettler, jack brown, fred lamas, robert vignolo, cruz sabedra, richard arreola, jerry smith. third row: jessy grumbles, mgr., gary tidwell, charles patrick, jack curry, jackie ragsdale, jon johnston, bill turner, woody wilson, charles hood, don maupin, mgr.

coach todd gives the relay team a few facts before the match.

leroy moser and the every day task of practicing his get away.

track squad represent shafter high school well

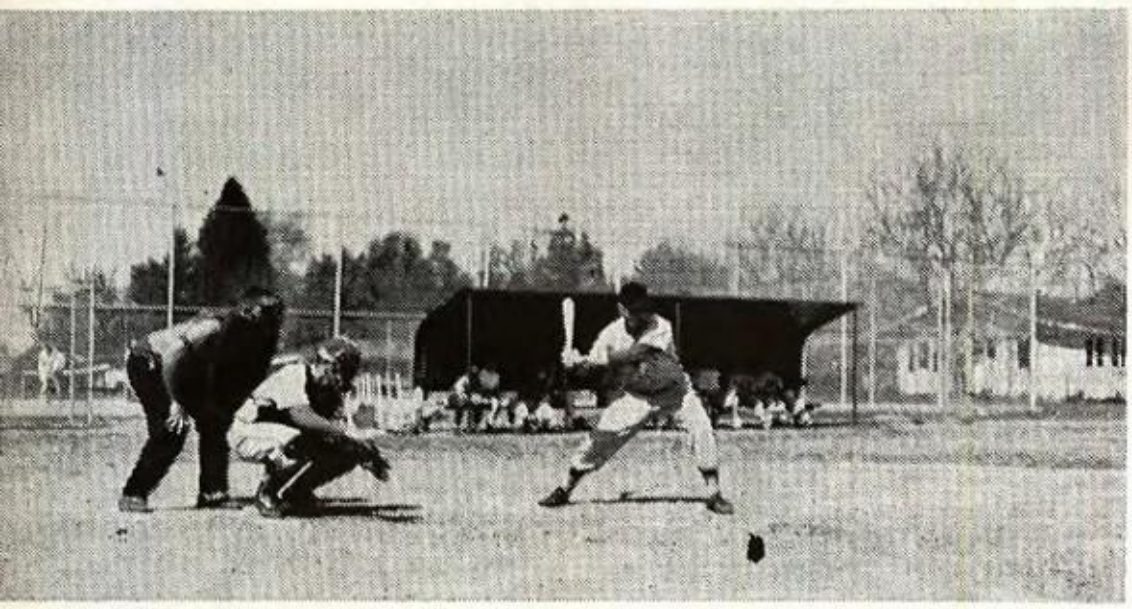
front row: k. lott, j. lauderdale, a. johnson, t. harrison, d. mansfield, second row: r. sowder, r. flores, g. putman, m. brown, d. bledsoe, third row: r. eslick, mgr. j. jones, a. prendez, o. hiler, j. nixon, c. cramer.

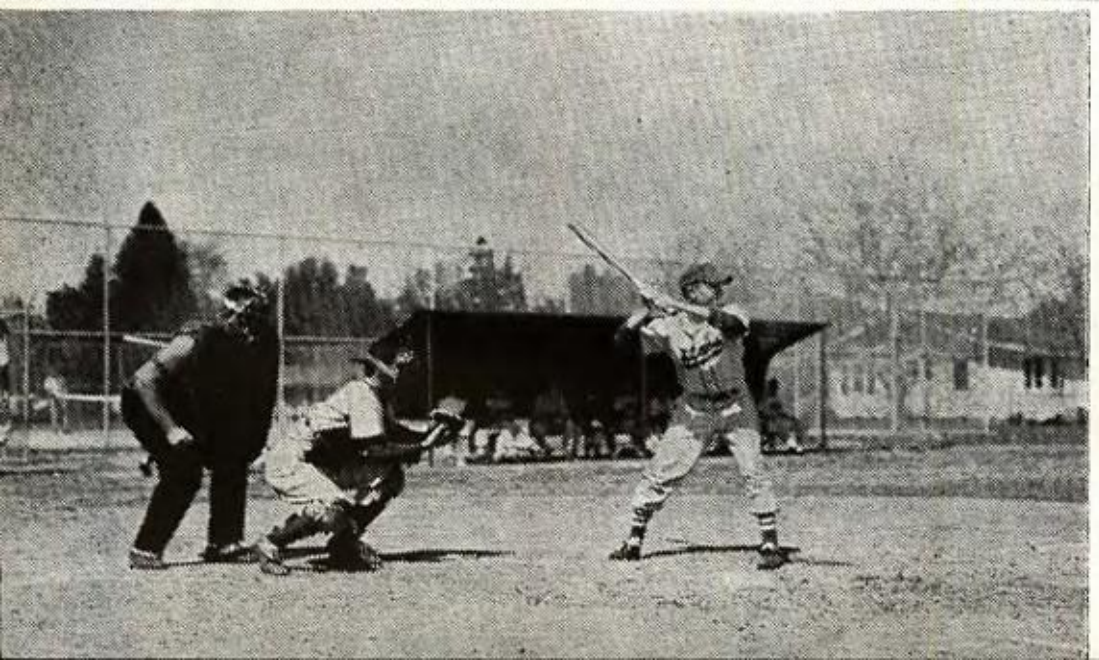
woody wilson shows his skill
at the pole vault.

bruce muir demonstrates his technique
in the broad jump.

varsity baseball team has good prospects

front row: ernest estavillo, wayne kirschenmann, george larson, bob goossen, glen morris, dick nieto, luis flores, don powell, coach, mr. pare. second row: claude new, jim rice, virgil tackett, don bender, bill milam, harold gladden, joe borjon, fred leonard, mgr. joe grumbles.





the varsity baseball team started the season losing the first practice game. later they came around, winning seven in a row. the ball club can swing a bat around as they have more experience. one of the top sluggers from last year was harold gladden, but early this season harold broke his wrist putting him out of the game. he hoped to get his cast removed soon, thus getting back into action.

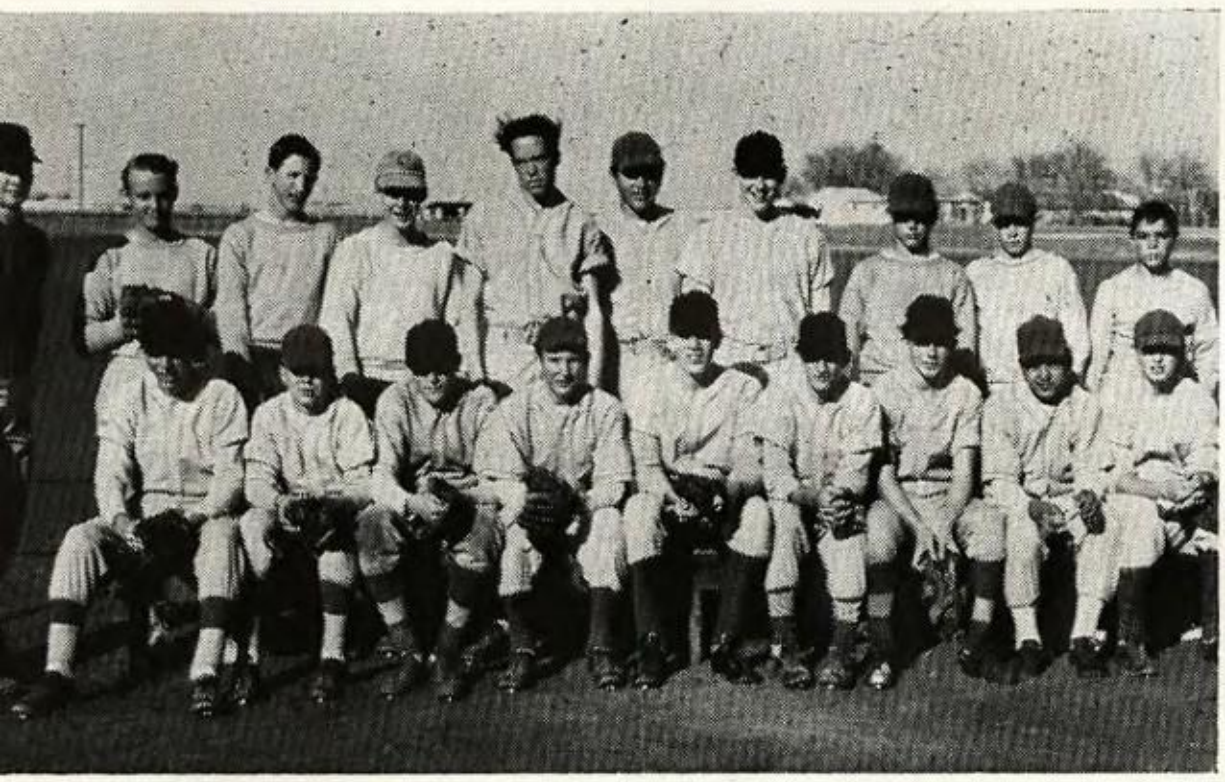
the outfielders were george love, fred leonard, joe borjon, don bender, also a relief pitcher. the infielders were bob goossen, dick nieto, don powell, harold gladden, wayne kirschenmann, jim rice. pitchers were george larson, ernie estavillo, and luis flores. the ballclub with more than half the season to go yet has possibilities of taking the championship.

the jv's at the time of this writing had lost two practice games and won four in a row.

fred leonard kept his eyes on a bad pitch as it went by.

jim rice catches for ernie estavillo in the north high game.

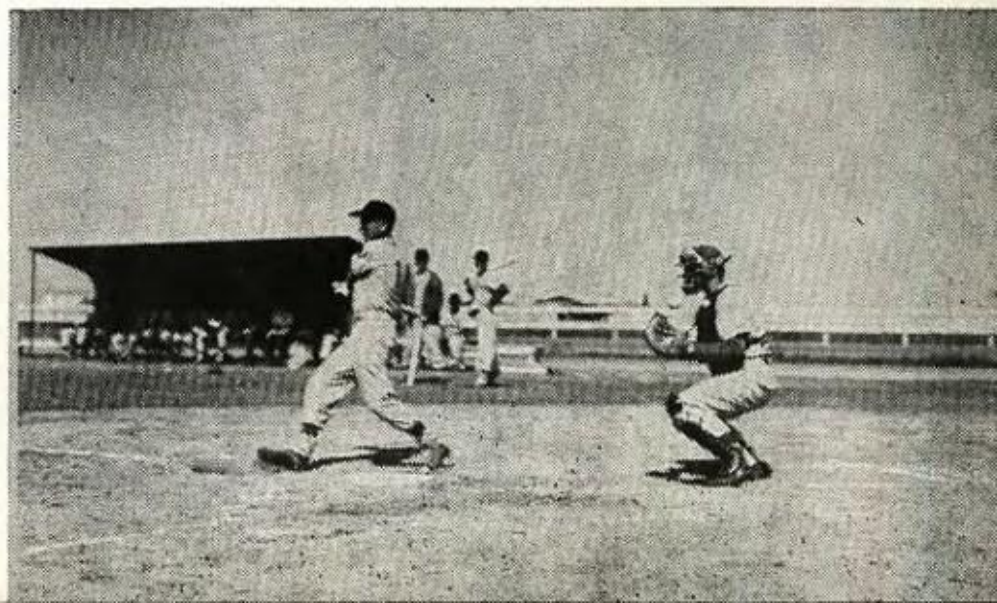
j. v: front row: coach, mr. moroski, gene lytle, ronald dickinson, bill woods, benny west, larry mullins, larry chavez, george absher. second row: pete jarra, mgr. jim smith, homer hester, kenneth kirkpatrick, leonard roden, vaughn taylor, david mendias, joel saenz.



freshmen: front row: coach mr. cresswell, richard warneke, warren nelson, j. b. love, edward parks, kermit prickett, victor smith, don trout, rudy estavillo, ray rice. second row: bobby weaver, jerry witcher, leonard duck, jim nixon, john armendariz, mike king, dwaine banks, richard lytle, dwaine dickinson.

kirschenmann stretches to retire the side.

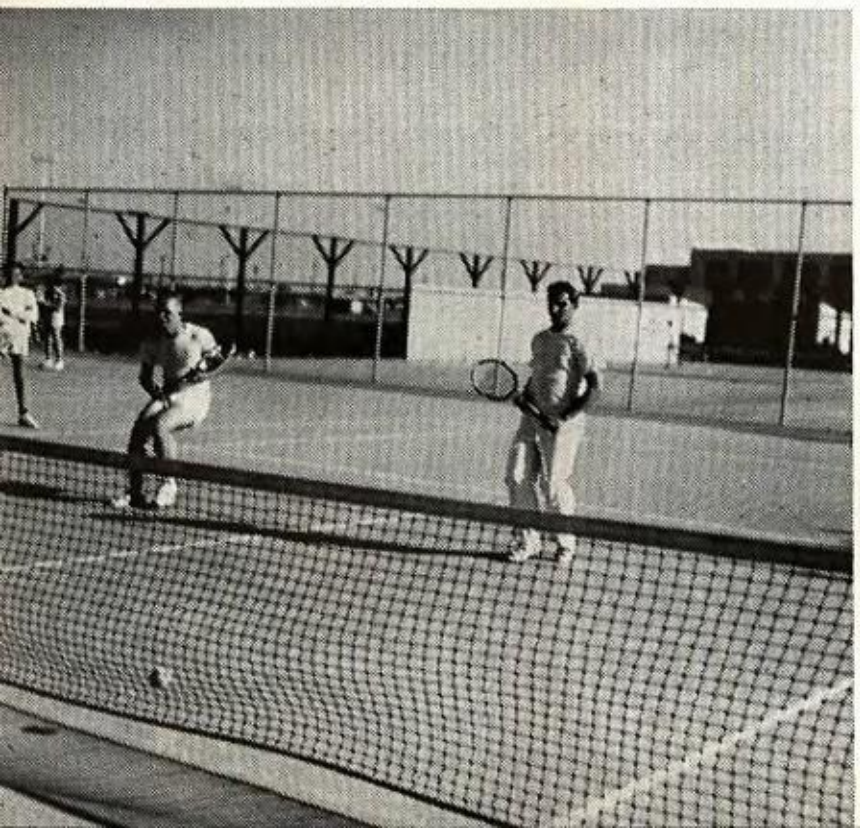
benny west fouls the ball at the north high game.



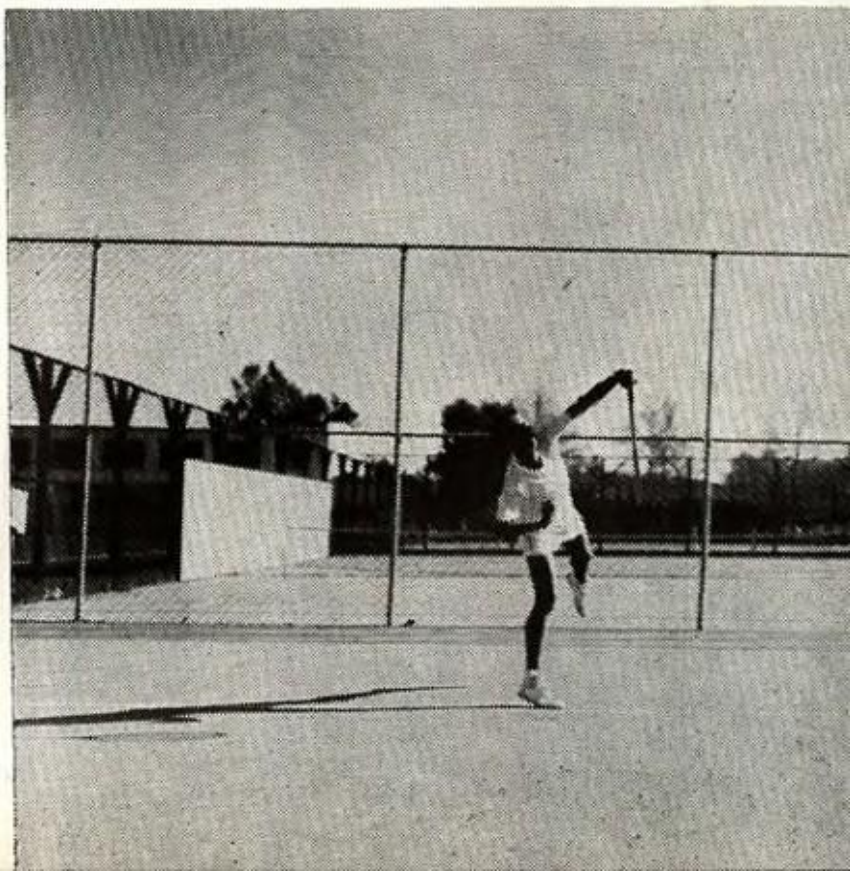
front row: eric hanson, bob reeves, robert millwee, henry warkentin. second row: gary wilson, jack robbins, jack ogle, larry schneider (manager).

new coach takes over tennis team

front row: irene palomo, paula allen, maria franco, anna cota, marlene enns, second row: larry schneider (manager), mary divincenzo, june thompson, barbara maupin.



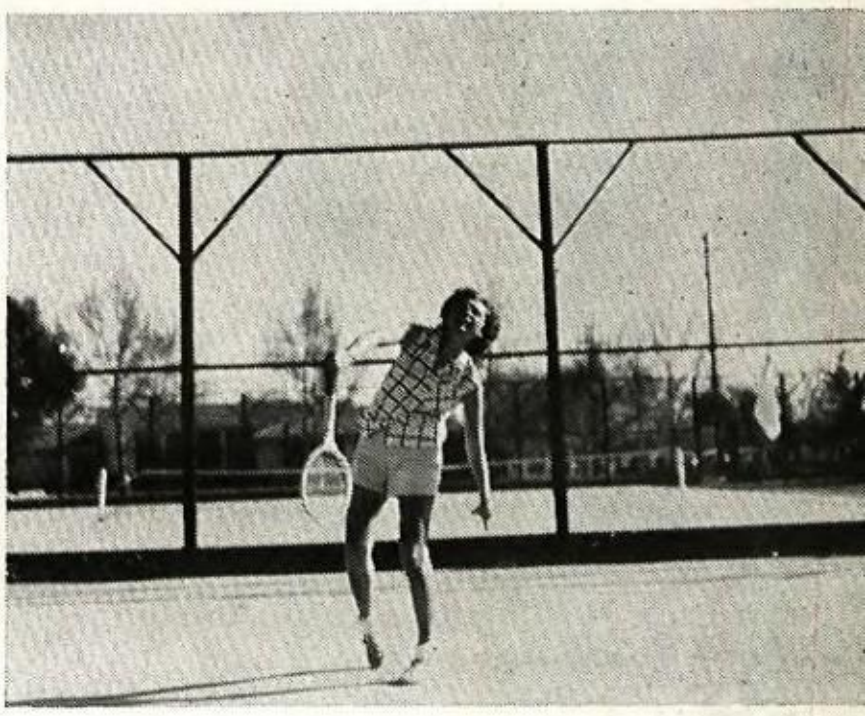
eric hanson and jack robbins get set for the return of the ball.



henry warkentin, demonstrates his skill at serving.

beginners: front row: paul jones, ross johnson; sharon nusz, mary brown, bob holmes, bob funk. back row: barbara jobe, leroy simpson, larry vanatta, jerry heiser, gordon pipkin, gary levi, nelson west, jim wilson, larry schneider (mgr.)

mary franco keeps her eyes on the ball as irene sends it over.



mary divencenzo, shows her skill and judgment at serving the ball.

donald deckert, ass't visual aids director

noon recreation attractions for this year were noon movies in the study hall put on by the library club, and intramural basketball in the gym. some of the teams that participated were the trojans, bears, bruins, and others.

ping pong was part of the noon recreation. mr. mccauly's p. e. classes participated in track, square dancing, and were to begin to play soft ball.

seniors...

joe hicks
baseball 3
football 2, 3.

kenneth dalke
football 1, 2, 3.

lawrence mettler
basketball 4.

philip johnson
manager 3.

billy unruh
manager 3.

john brown
football 1, 3, 4
basketball 2, 3, 4
baseball 3.

woody wilson
football 1, 2, 3, 4
basketball 2, 3, 4
track 1, 2, 3.

robert goossen
football 1, 2, 3, 4
basketball 1, 3, 4
baseball 2, 3.

gary levi
swimming 3.

jim rice
football 1, 2
baseball 1, 2, 3.

george larson
football 2, 3, 4
baseball 2, 3.

robert grossman
track 4
basketball 2.

glenn morris
football 1, 2, 3, 4
baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

bill hamilton,
baseball 1,
basketball 3, 4,
football 2, 4

don bender,
baseball 1, 2, 3

joe coodey,
basketball 4

bill hearn,
track 3, 4

don powell,
baseball 2

harold gladden,
baseball1, 2, 3
football 4

jack bonham,
football 1, 2, 3, 4
basketball 2
track 1, 2, 3

carroll crabb,
football 1, 2, 3

oliver cates,
football 2, 4,
track 2, 3, 4,
manager 2, 3, 4

fred leonard,
baseball 3

robert millwee,
tennis 3

bill milam,
baseball 3

letterman...

robert taylor,
basketball 2,
baseball 1, 2

bruce muir,
football 2, 3, 4,
baseball 2, 3

obie hamlin,
football 2, 3,
track 3

claude new,
football 4,
baseball 2, 3

eric hanson,
tennis 3, 4

leroy moser,
football 2, 3, 4,
tennis 2,
track

bob reeves,
tennis 4

lawrence becker,
football 2, 3, 4,
basketball 3

russell harden,
track 1, 3

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george love,
basketball 1, 2, 3, 4,
baseball 2, 3

nelson harris,
football 1, 2, 3

jim engel,
football 2, 3, 4,
basketball 1,
track 1, 3

wayne kirschenman
football 1, 2, 4,
baseball 3,
manager 2

bill nixon,
basketball 1, 2, 3, 4,
baseball 2, 3

bill cummings,
football 1, 2, 3,
baseball 3

glenn handel,
football 1, 2, 3, 4,
basketball 2, 3,
track 2, 3

donald klassen,
swimming 2, 3

f. f. a. officers are: seated; larry hamilton, reporter; sammy baker, treasurer; woody wilson, president; paul jones, vice president. standing, bill araujo, secretary; henry warkentin, sentinel.

f. f. a.

one of the highlights of the year for the f. f. a. is the annual father-son banquet. this gives the fathers a small glance at what their sons have accomplished during the past year.

banquet

speaker for the annual father-son banquet was john turner.

while waiting for the speaker some study their programs while others chat with old friends.

the officers of the f. f. a. sit at the head table waiting for the entertainment

commander staff: row 1: irene palomo, raynetta mann, donna micheal, barbara absher, irene arreola, jenney arreola, maria franco, anna cota. row 2: mr. tyner, barbara wilcoxon, pricilla johnson, barbara hardwick, toni ogle, norma mcbee, geneva holland, pat ballard. row 3: ronald mcdonald, jerry lauderdale, mike brown, kenneth lott, bob trout, george absher, kenneth fox.

commander and laurion

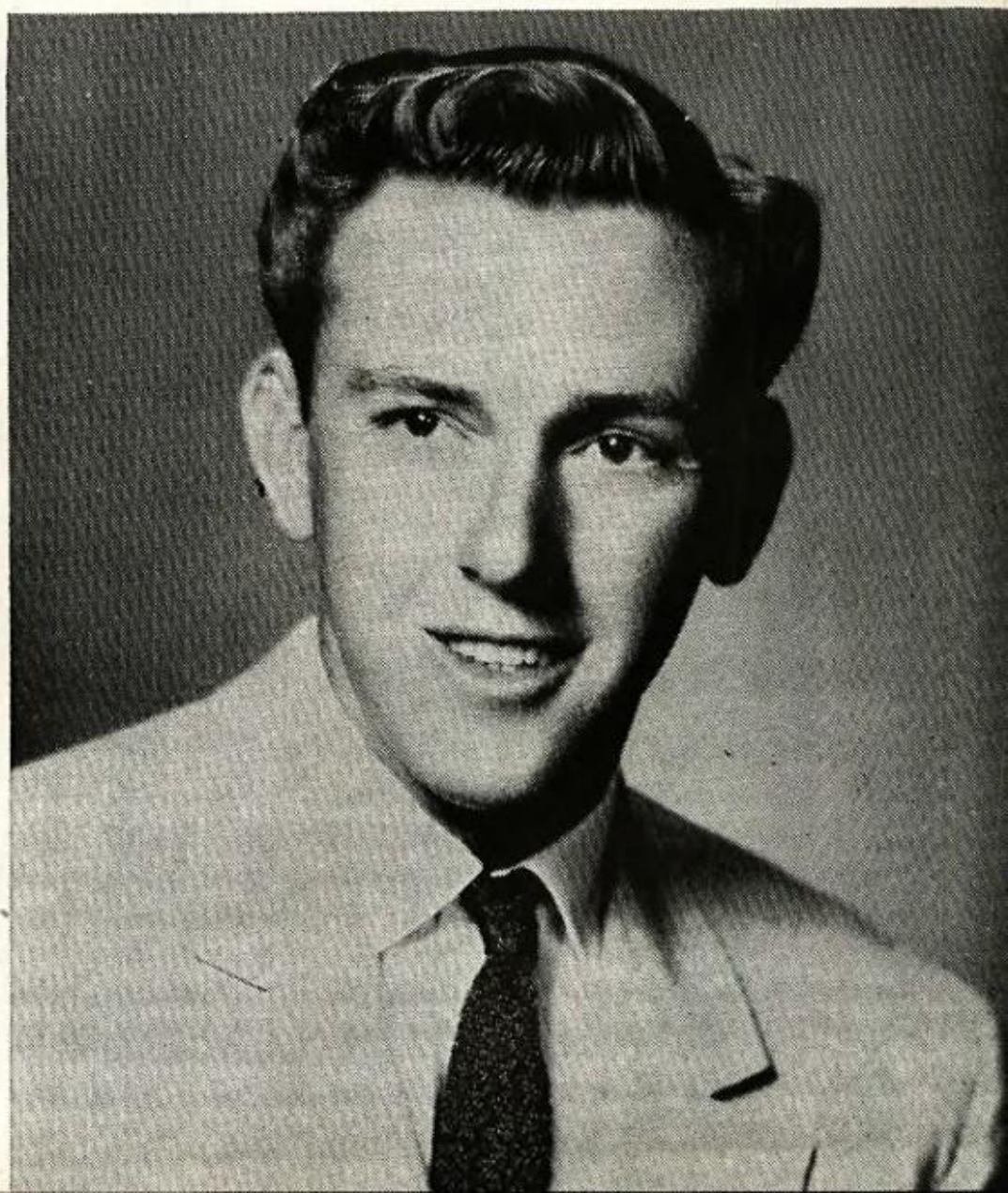
laurion staff is: seated, merita reynolds, miss speich, dolores patrick: standing, opal jackson, edna crane, lyda holman, lavonne stoller, editor: luis flores, lavelle stoller, bus. ed., barbara jobe, dorothy howard, peggy bankston, patsy sage, jo ann mettler, le roy simpson.

during its first year girl's league sponsored an all school election to choose george and ginnie general, two outstanding seniors who filled qualifications by having a c+ average and demon-

barbara hardwick, the first ginnie general,

barbara hardwicke, the first ginnie general, transferred to shafter from abilene, texas at the beginning of her junior year. during her two years here she has been a member of horizon club. g. a. a., commander, c. s. f., commercial club and pep club. she was social chairman for her class for two years and for the student body this year. barbara filled up the rest of her time this year acting as girls' league's first president, a student body yell leader and winning in the original orations division of the high school speech contest.

george and ginnie general



the first george general at shafter transferred here from bakersfield during his freshman year. bob taylor played football one year, basketball three, and baseball four years. he has been in block s for four years. he has also been a member of library club, science club and commander staff for one year, vice president of his junior class and twice president of boy's chorus. second semester of this year bob climaxed his activities by running successfully for president of his class.

girl's league and the entire student body can be very proud of barbara hardwick and bob taylor, the very first george and ginnie general.

row 1: members of the c. s. f.: clarice mouser, nona johnson, deloris potts, patsy cook, edna crane, virginia bender ,norma craig, irene palomo, carole giesbrecht, marlene enns, pat jones, claudette forehand, mrs. cornell and diana mettler. row 2: dorothy weitz, jean thomas, jo ann mettler, valora kirschenmann, barbara wilcoxon, phyllis waters, louise burrows, la velle stoller, mary de vincenzo, barbara hardwick, norma hooks, carole irvin, la vonne stoller, patsy cornell, bette maxberry, lyda holman. row 3: bob goossen, bruce muir, dennis mc donald, dennis gaede, alvin walker royce eslick, jack robbins, roger tatum, gerald bender, eric hanson, gary wilson, jimmy mc clure, robert grossman, and lawrence mettler.

shafter scholars

officers of the c. s. f.: vice pres., gerald bender; soc. ch., la velle stoller; sec., norma hooks; and pres. robert grossmann.

la vonne stoller

la velle stoller

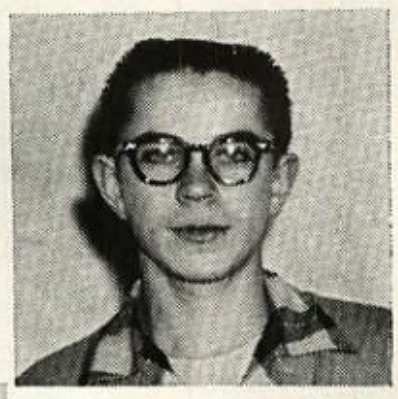
eric hanson

mary de vincenzo

edna crane

lifemembers

lawrence mettler



robert grossmann

viginia bender

norma craig

patsy cook

the crew is busy nailing flats together for the show.

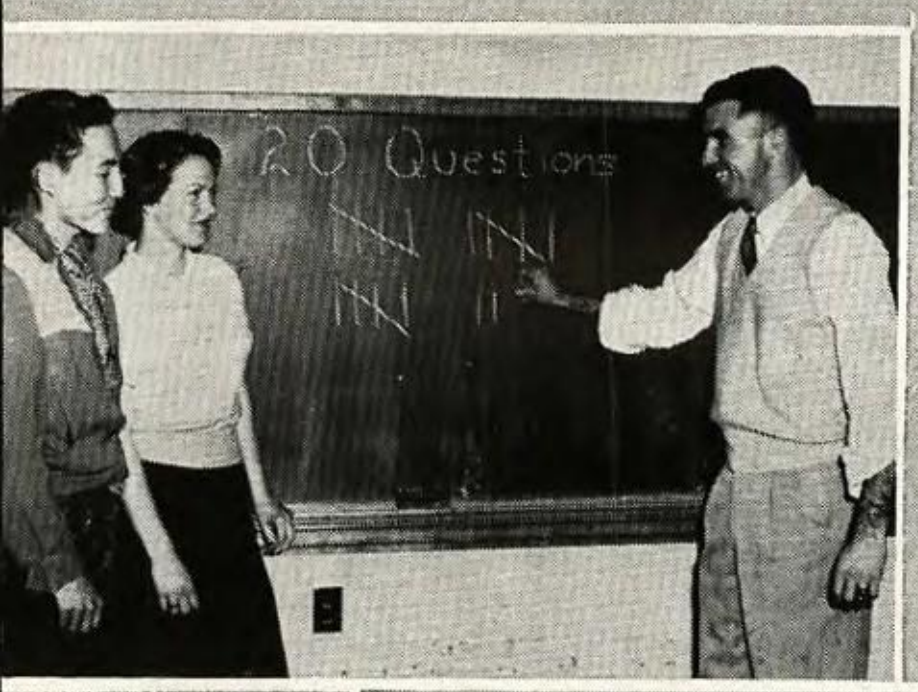
the tension builds. is she guilty or not guilty?

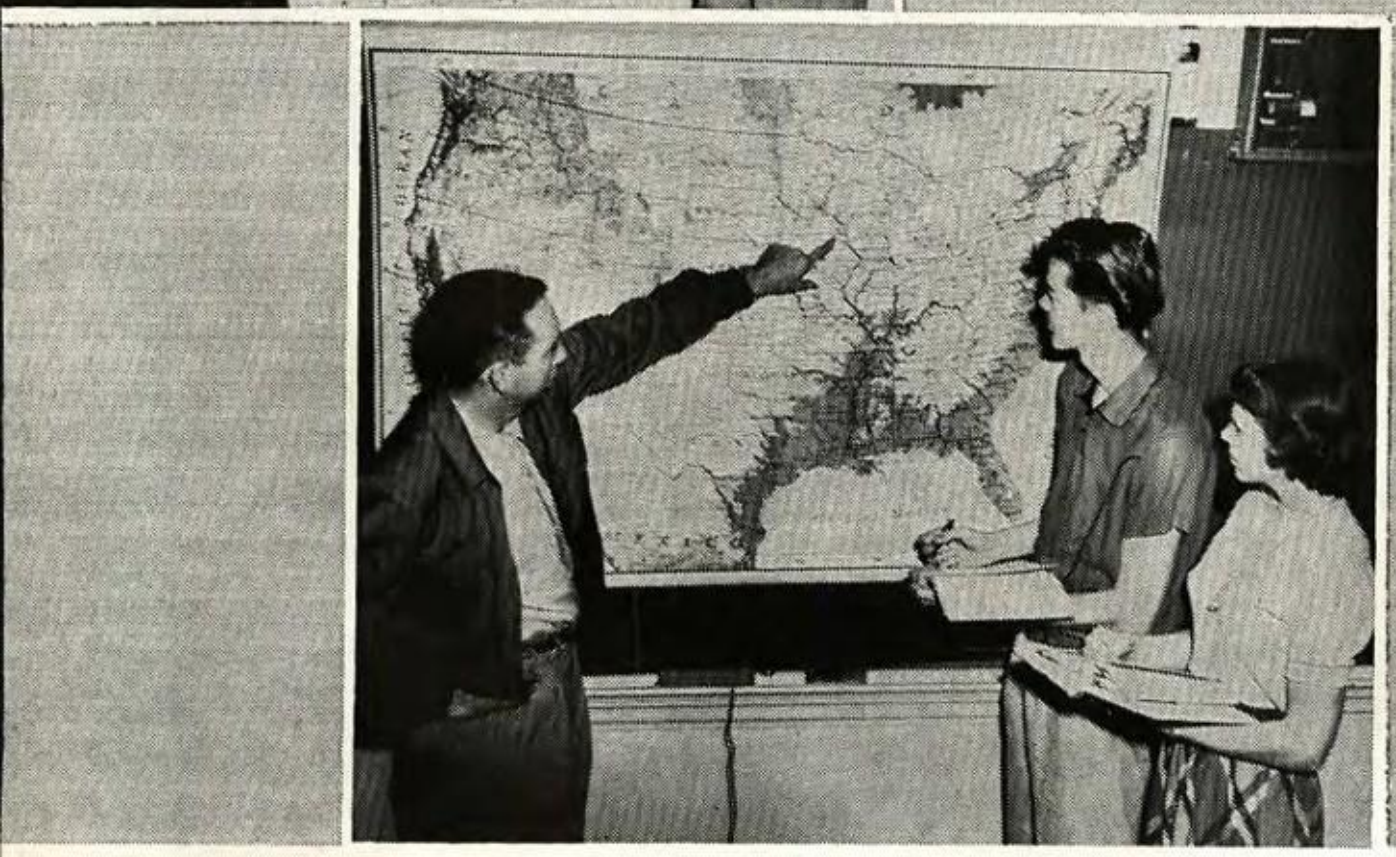
the night of january 16th

jack ogle and royce eslick really get into their roles.

everyone may get mashed fingers, but everyone has fun.

Junior





advisors: miss evelyn michiletti, mr. burley dooley, and mr. harlan hill.

back row: vice president, ed ellis; yell leader, norma hooks; president, ken kroeker. front row: yell leader, nelda pearson; secretary, marlene enns; yell leader, donna young; social chairman, shirley coodey.

the active juniors

back row: gerald bender, richard abbott, laverne alexander, tom baker, tom cowell, sam baker, paul anderson, james banks, elro cramer. *second row:* henry badgett, dale morris, sherry cassidy, shirley clayton, eileen bradshaw, carole cartnal, paulene anderson, barbara absher. first row: ruby baldwin, naomi bittle, peggy bankston, irene arreola, jennie arreola, loretta coodey, beverly blair, shirley ballard.

back row: charlie glenn, novis crum, joel saenz, clarence reimer, jack ragsdale, gordon pipkin, jack robbins, roger tatum, le roy schultz, derek steele, jack ogle, larry chavez. second row: bill turner, ronald pierce, freda montgomery, valerie kirschenmann, norma mixon, jo latta, toni ogle, norma mc bee. first row: bobby trout, sylvia mariner, donna michael, virginia mendenhall, raynetta mann, nelda pearson, gaylon cotton, harold williams, bill wood.

on the move...

back row: larry schneider, robert newman, royce eslick, hollice crite, perry thompson, c. w. williams, robert vignolo, jerry word. second row: jerry smith, patsy sage, barbara wilcoxon, donna young, mary suderman, nelson west, henry warkentine, jerel wood. first row: maxine walker, bobbie deloach, nell thompson, carolyn wilson, lorene tugman, sue wood, rita tiberghien.

joyce and vic seem to be having fun at the junior dance after the shafter-wasco basketball game.

kay, dean, and marjorie help with the coronation ball, but stop to admire their class rings.

toni sells gerald another "beat wasco" pin, one of the junior's money making projects.

back row: don king, arleigh johnson, ken koreker, fred lamas, charles patrick, david mendias, robert neuman, larry mouser, bob holmes, l. g. flores, james miller. second row: robert love, jackie nixon, emory keys, richard nieto, jon johnston, norma hooks, carol irvin, judy janzen, margie hearon, barbara jobe, dorothy howard. first row: irene haselden, patricia kayser, jo ann hanson, laura gittinger, carolyn jenkins, donna skidmore, frances higbee, gail jones, archie faye jordan.

a quieter mood takes over at the junior dance.

patsy and lorene, two juniors, are selling a couple of seniors some christmas cards.

bop rages at the school dance.

back row: larry grider, dean burnquist, bruce epp, joe borjon, eugene howard, tommy grant, shirley fox, james everett, edward ellis, jim broom. second row: ernie estavillo, johnnie criner, shirley coodey, doyle gallagher, charles hood, carol giesbrecht, marlene enns, marjorie engel. first row: joyce coltran, arvilla fink, shirley conn, jennifer collins, pat deckert, maria franco.

freshmen: seated, yell leaders margaret freedman, sally firkins, social ch. mona moor. standing, pres. owen hiler, sec. clarice mouser, v. pres. richard warnecke.

term

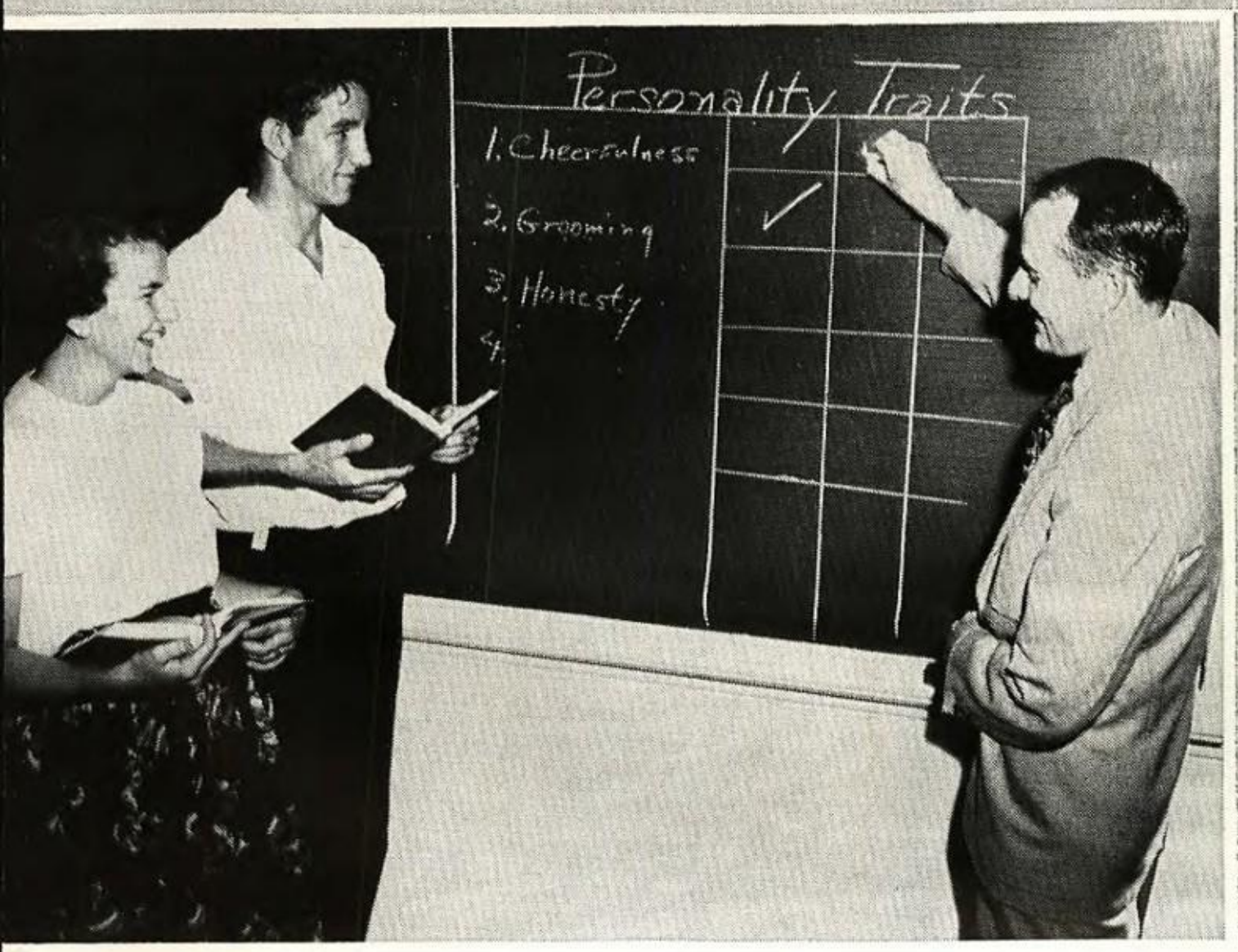
juniors: seated, yell leader donna young, soc. ch. nelda pearson, sec. marlene enns, yell leader carol giesbrecht. standing, pres. arleigh johnson, v. pres. dale morris.

second

sophomores: seated, yell leaders pat sherrill, la rae pilgrim, sec. jo ann mettler. standing, v. pres. paul jones, soc. ch. linda robey, pres. and yell leader rex tudor.

officers

senior



class...

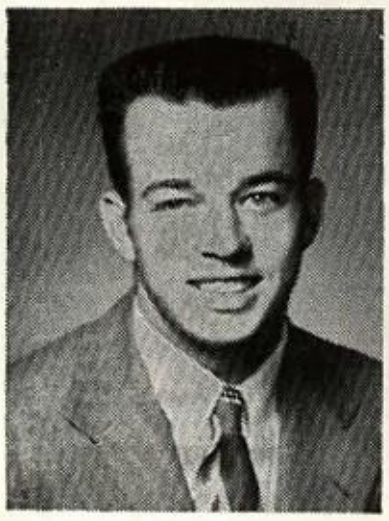
adeline arreola

janis beaver

lawrence becker

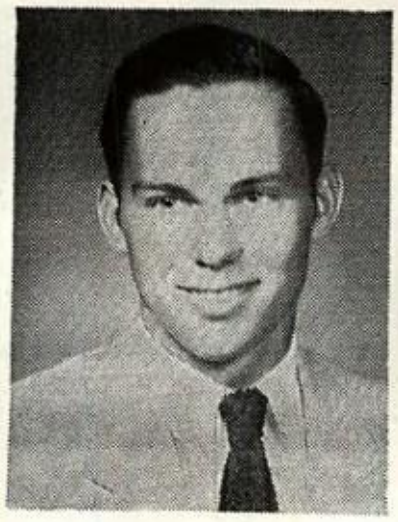
first semester class officers: sitting, joyce mc donald, yell leader; barbara hardwick, social chairman; sue howell, secretary; virginia taylor, publicity agent; standing, glenn handel, vice president; bruce muir, treasurer; robert millwee, president.

don bender

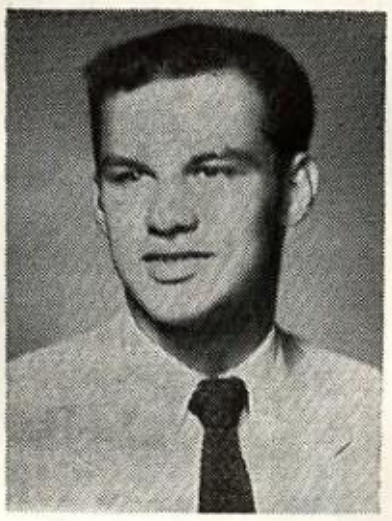


virginia bender

charles bonham



jack bonham



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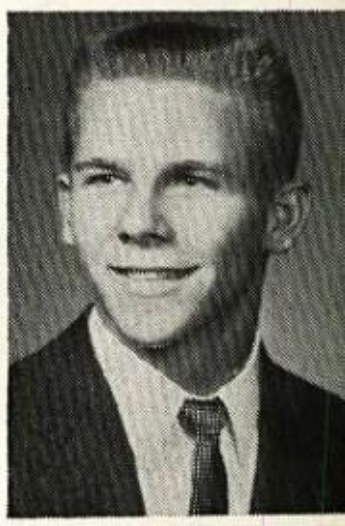
second semester class officers: sitting, sue howell, secretary; joyce mc donald, yell leader; virginia taylor, publicity agent; standing, vic loftin, vice president; robert taylor, president; bill hearn, treasurer; not shown, doris wilson, social chairman.

wayne bradshaw

john brown



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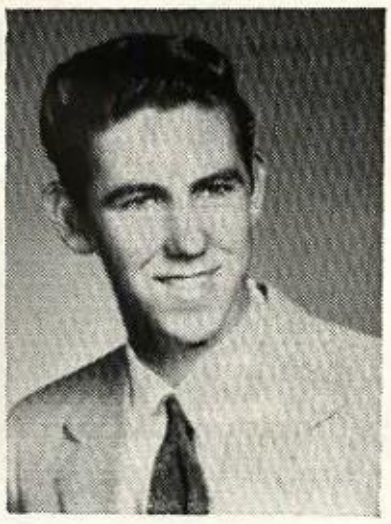

shelby cole

oliver cates

looking back on...

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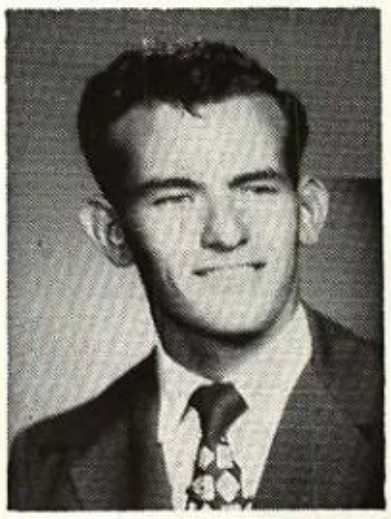

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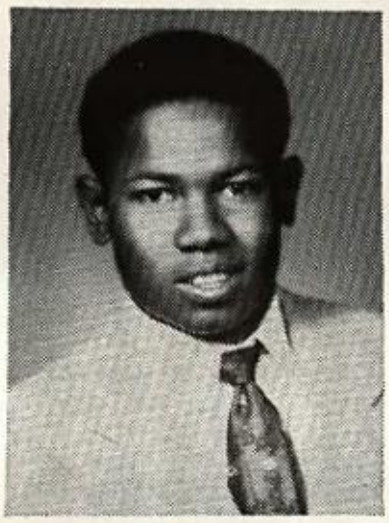

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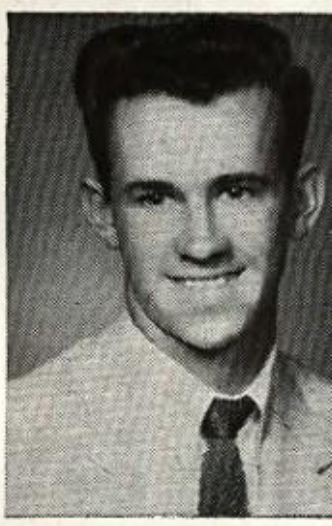

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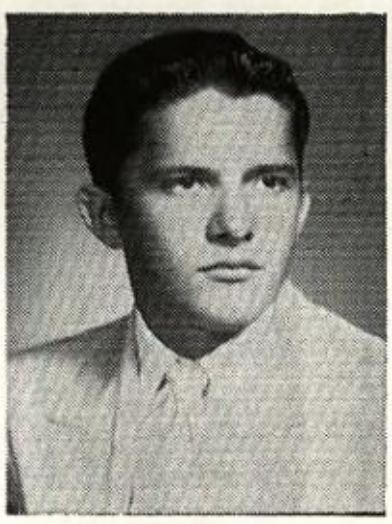
jack curry



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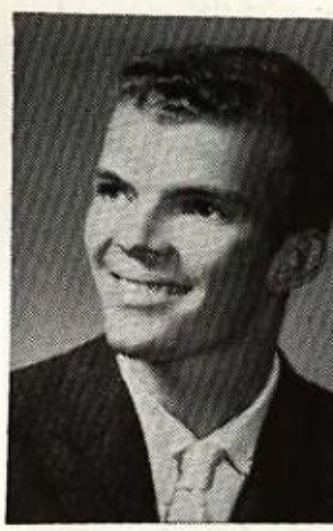

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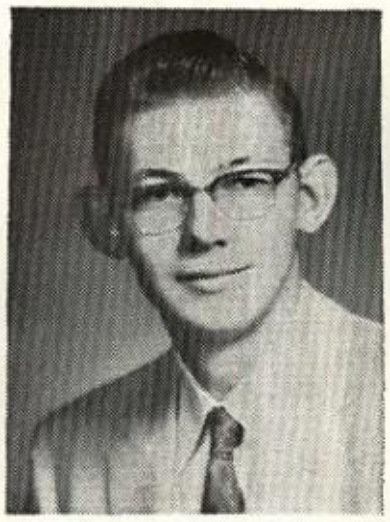
donald deckert



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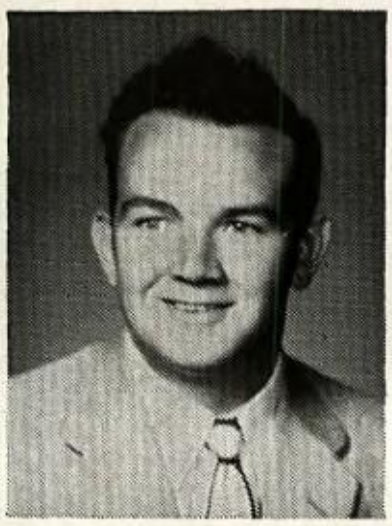
football in the fog...

lawanda edwards

jane farrar

jim engel

glenda frost



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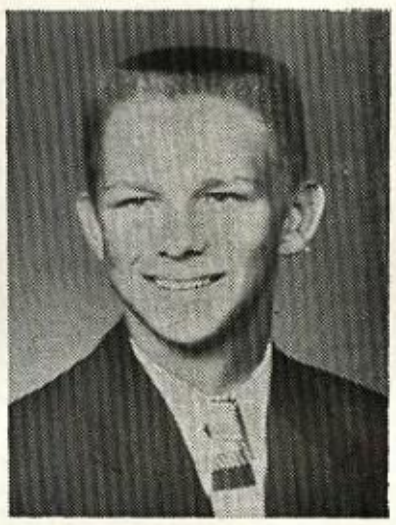

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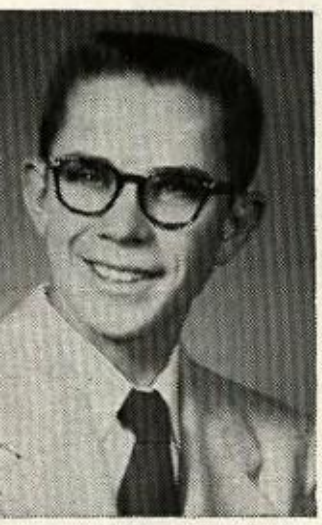

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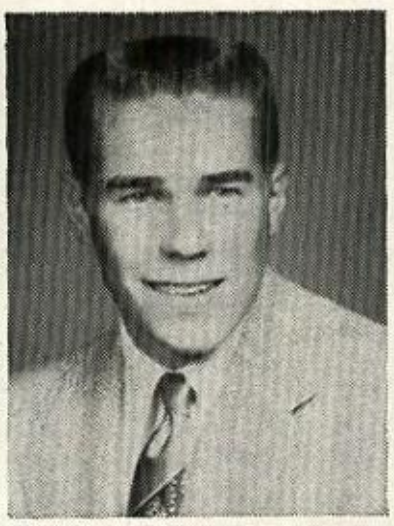

joe grumbles

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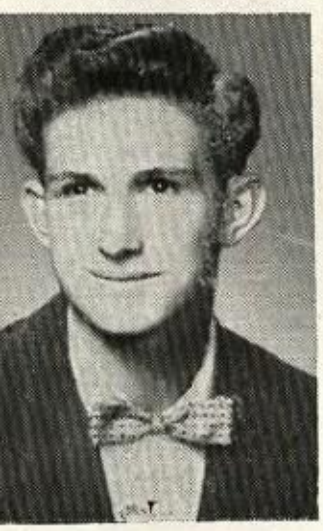

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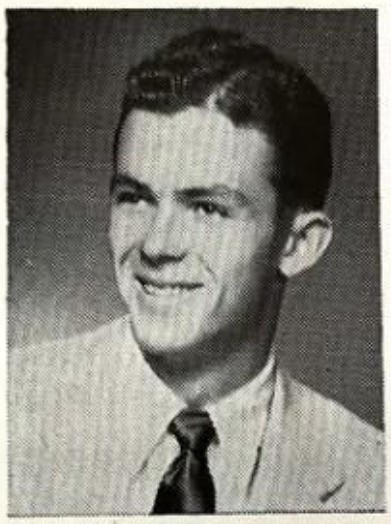
glenn handel

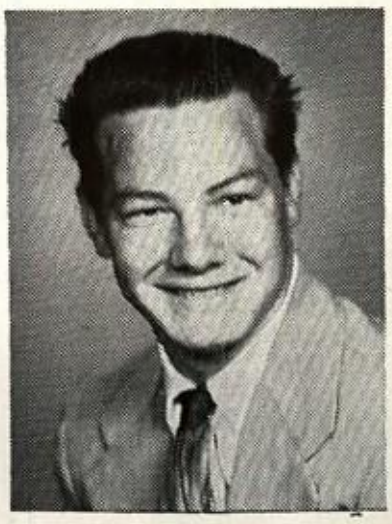
eric hanson

glitter of coronation ball...



russell harden

barbara hardwick



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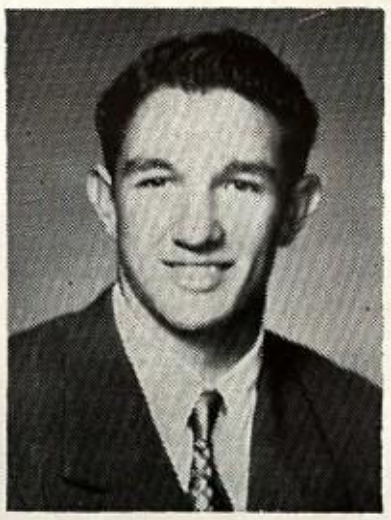

bill hearn

joe hicks

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lyda holman

bob holmes

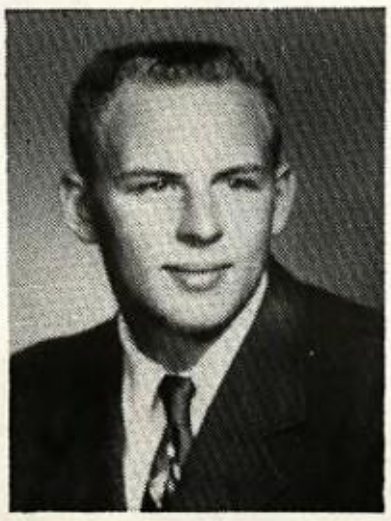
sue howell

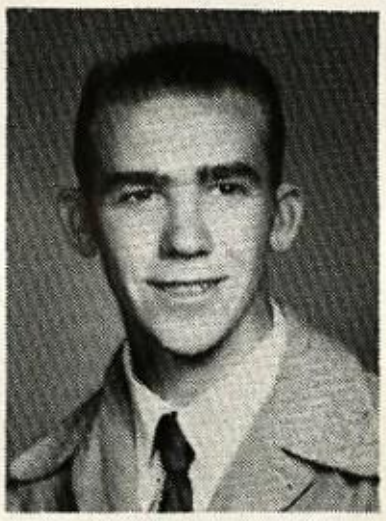
opal jackson

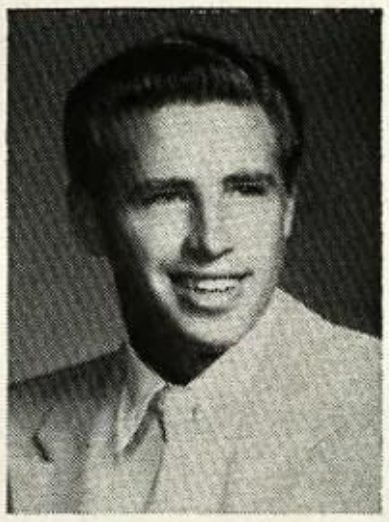
philip johnson

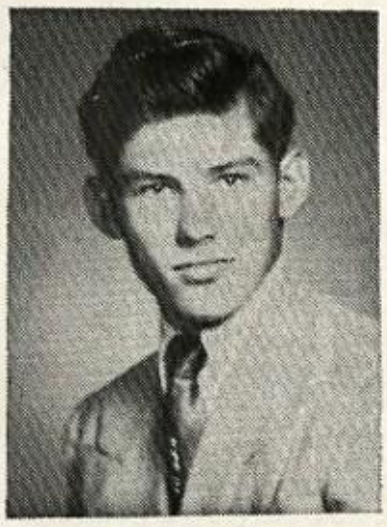
clarence kastner

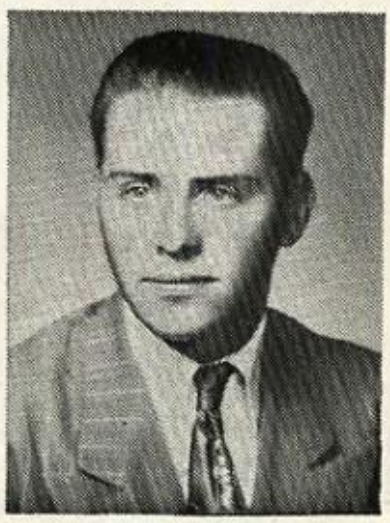
excitement of graduation...











wayne kirschenmann

donald klassen

george larson

fred leonard

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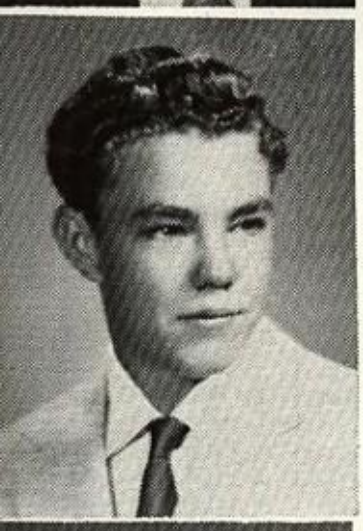
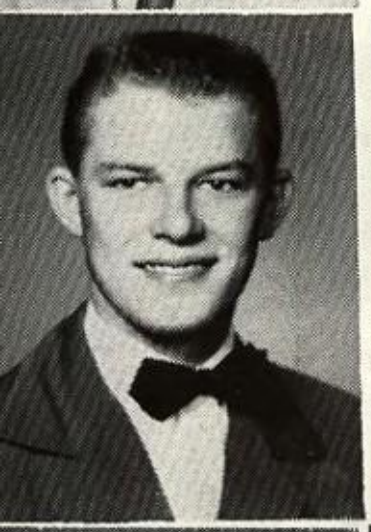
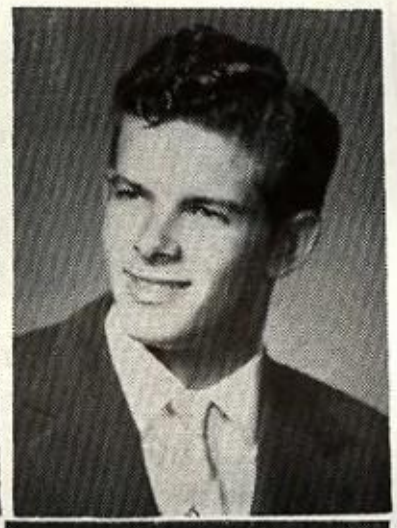


billy milam

looking forward to...





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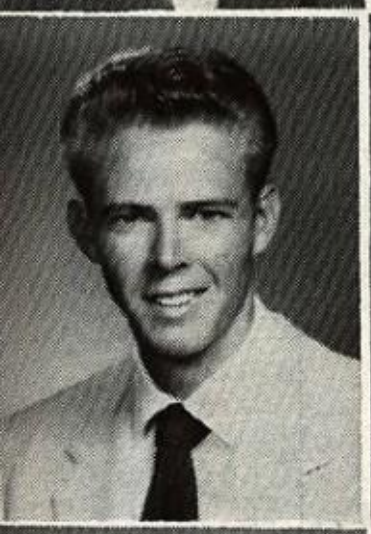

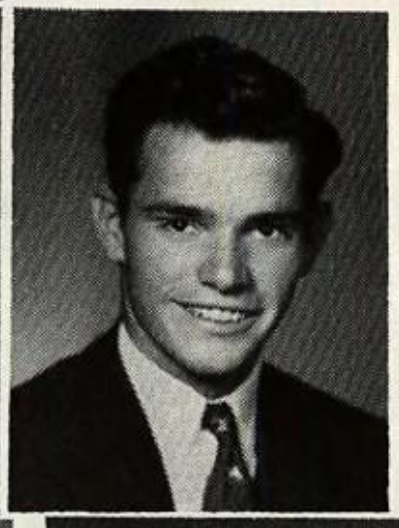

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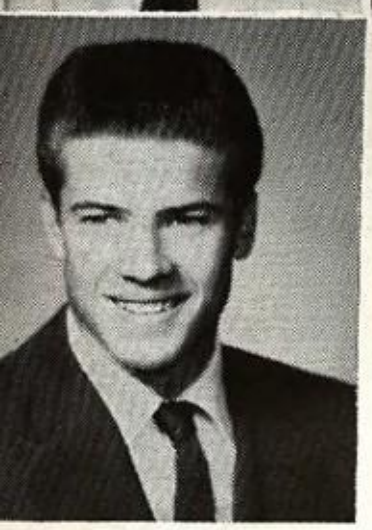
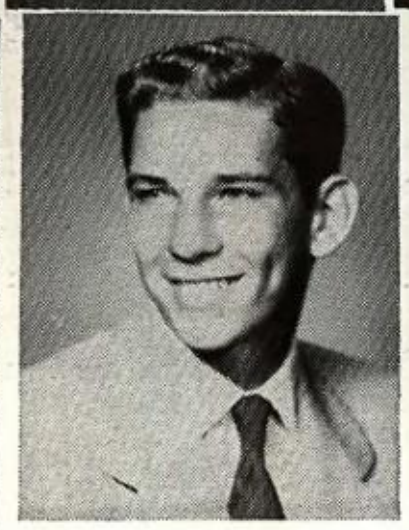
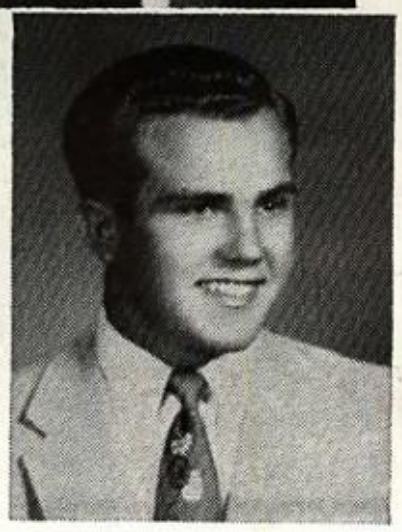
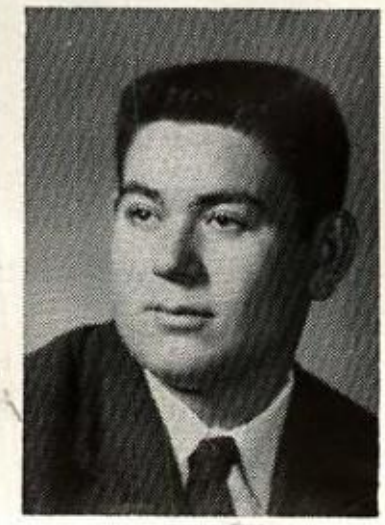
mary mitchell

glenn morris









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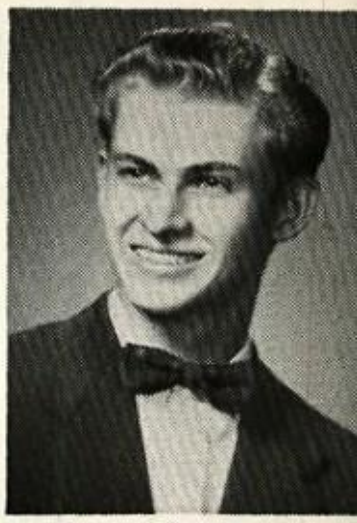
claude new

college, jobs, marriage...

lionel nightingale



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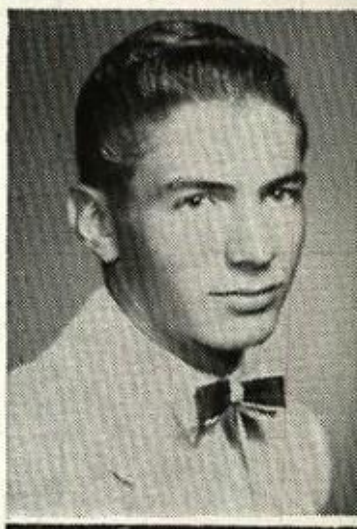

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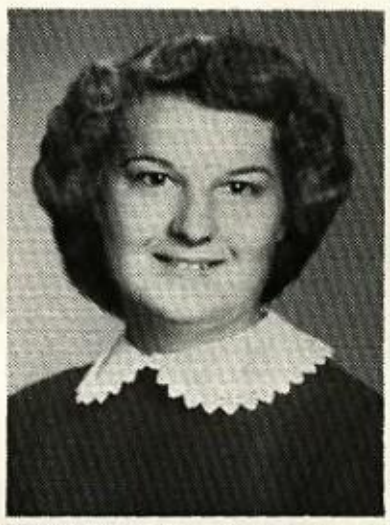

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barbara prickett

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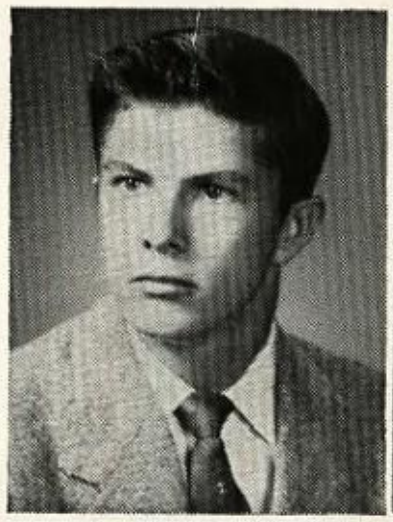

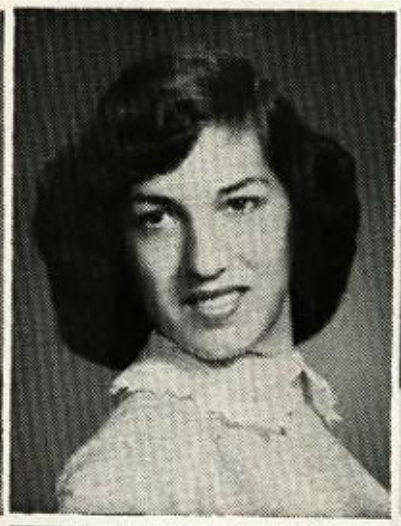

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merita reynolds

jimmy rice

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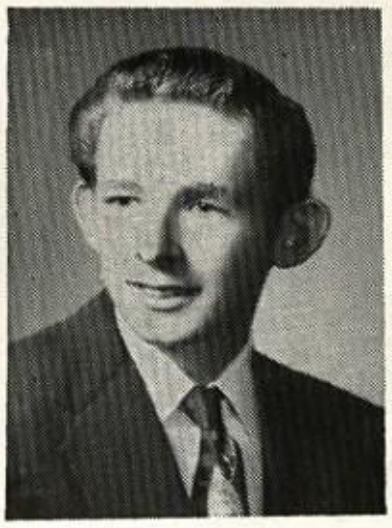
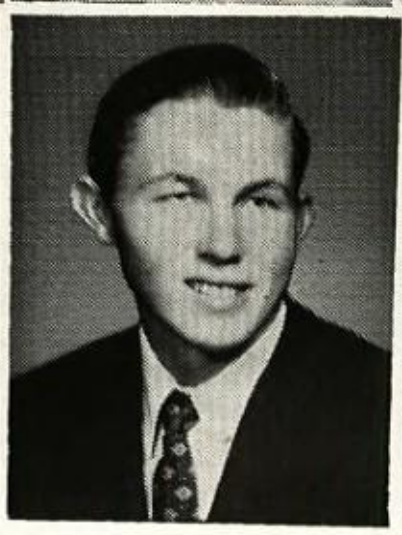




class advisors to the seniors were:
mrs. cornell, mr. murfin and mr. williams

mr. williams, advisor to the class of '55 for their entire four years, proved to be a real friend to the entire group. thanks to his fine leadership, the officers and members of this senior class were able to plan many activities and to carry them out successfully, providing themselves and mr. williams with the enjoyment that only a busy class can obtain.

Pat,
I owe you thanks both
for being a good student
in class and for being
a fine worker at the stand.
I only wish your had been
a little better situation
to learn more. I really
appreciated your efforts
and friendship
Hal E. Williams

helen shields

la velle stoller

la vonne stoller

herma stover

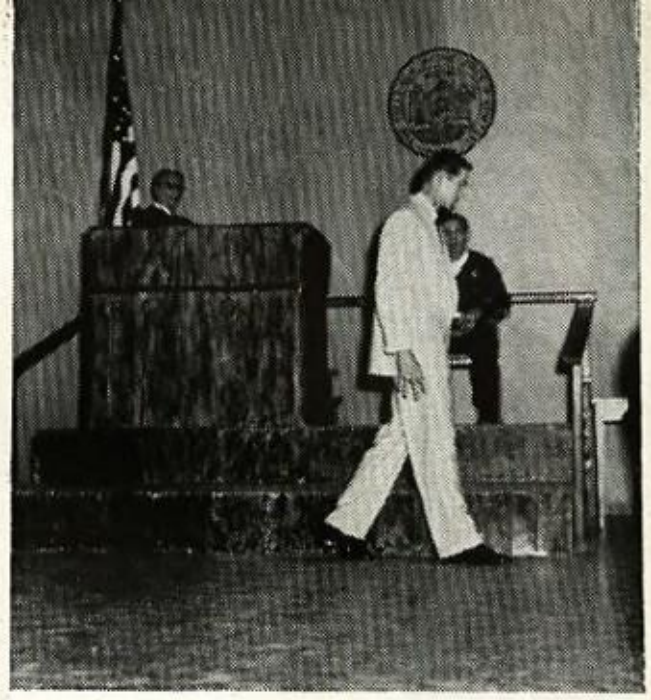
verna schmidt

virgil tackett

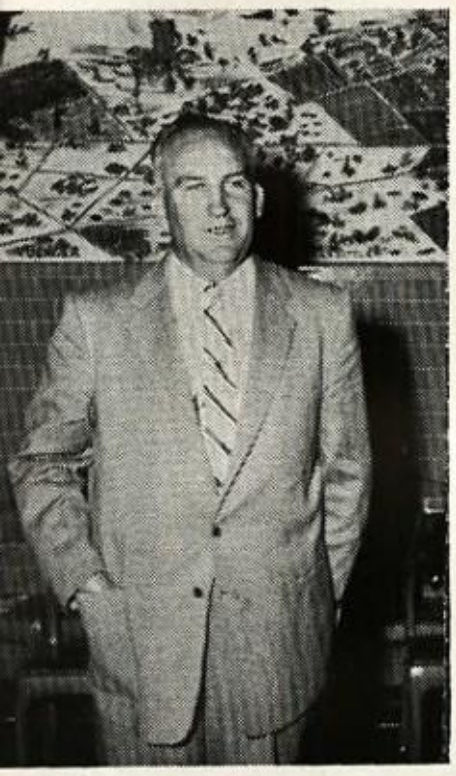
bob taylor

activities

playing their parts well in the student-body play, "the night of january 16," were jack brown, larry mullins, willie kelley, and donald neufeld.



jack ogle as d.a. conducts cross-examination.



dr. luke speaks to the seniors on senior career day.

norma hooks, girl's state.

annette chase, playing the marimba, presented an enojyable assembly.

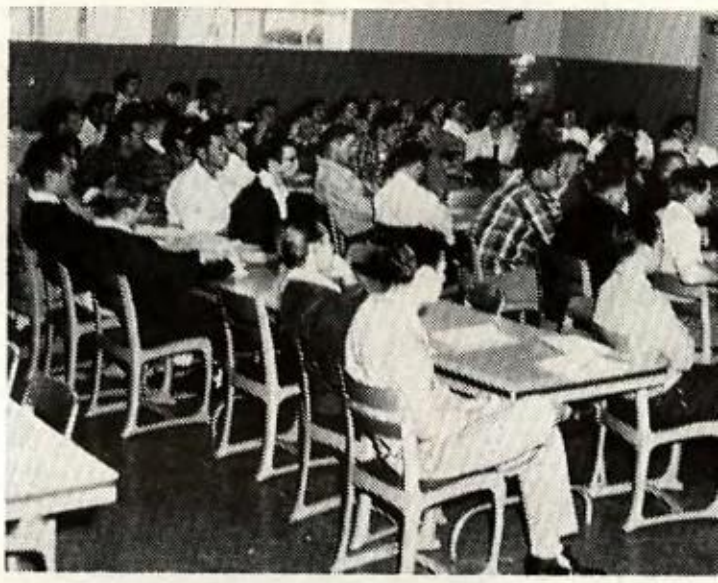
pat jones, 1st place, lion's club speech contest.

representatives from the armed forces spoke on senior career day.

the band did an outstanding job when it presented its concert march 31. under the direction of mr. fashbender, the band was rated "superior" at the music festival.

barbara jobe, 2nd place, sierra league speech contest.

leora dillard, 2nd place, sierra league speech contest; 1st place, county league.



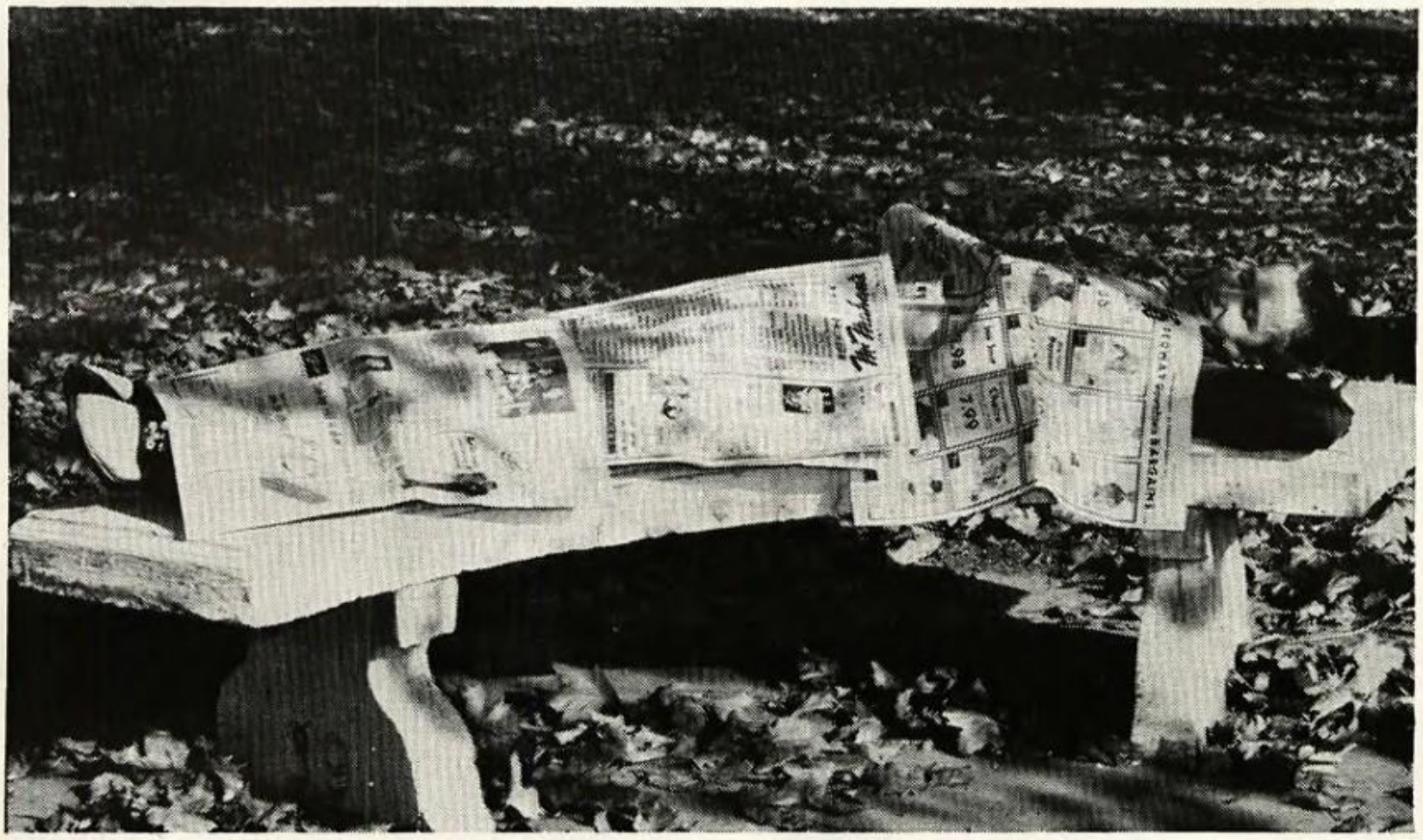
seniors gather for general assembly on senior career day.

mrs. stannard presents the speech trophy to arleigh johnson, president of the winning jr. class.

winners of the speech contest converse with mrs. stannard. standing; leora dillard, nelda pearson, donna waters, pat jones. seated; barbara jobe, barbara hardwick, mrs. stannard.

advertising

"oh, my aching back!"
poor mike, why sleep on an old cold park bench when you could sleep in the comfortable **shafter moter,** located at 337 east lerdo.



"easy, bill"
eli whitney didn't invent the cotton gin for nothing, bill hearn. take advantage of the modern ginning equipment at **s. a. camp.**

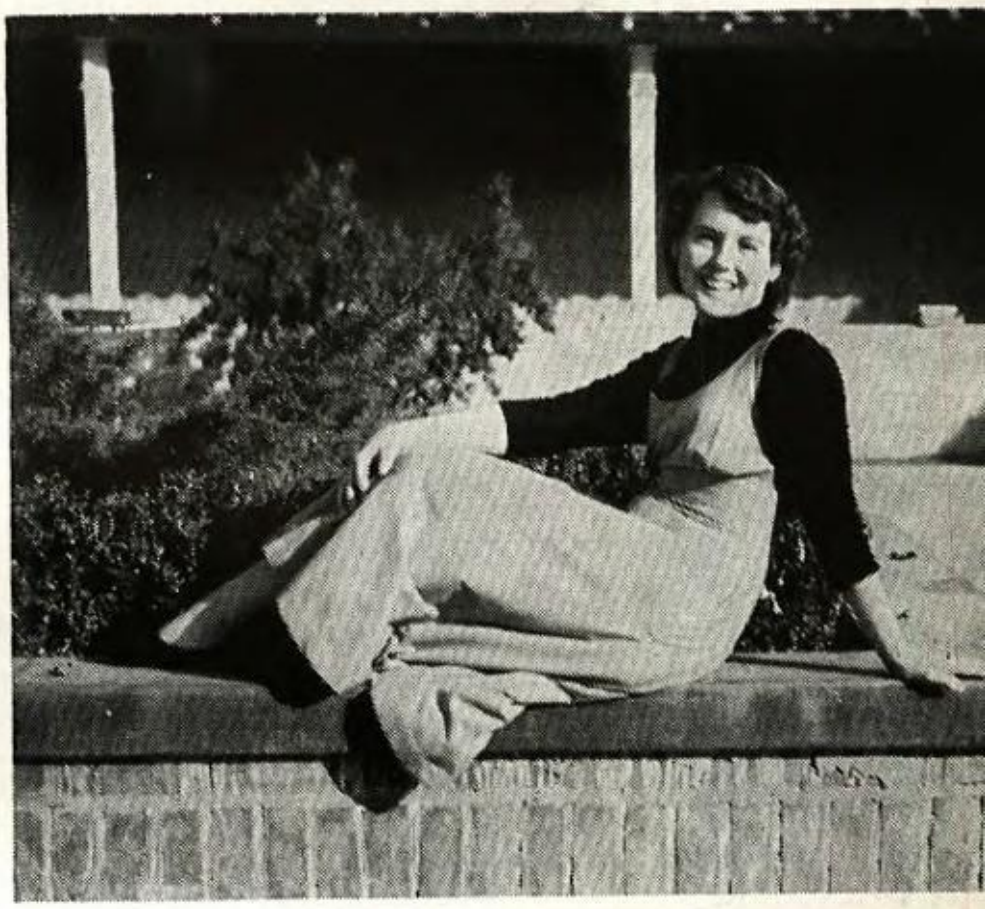
"my, there's a difference"
yes, you'll notice a great deal of difference as sue woods did when you buy your cosmetics from shafter's cosmetic center, **mc clure's drug store,** located at 333 central avenue.

"wow, what a guy!"
nelda pearson thinks derek steele looks great and so does everyone else when he wears those colorful shirts. you'll look great, too, if you shop for your clothes at **shafter mercantile** at 357-361 central avenue.

"let's head for the **reed and bell"**
the 1955 laurion staff takes time out (their own time) to visit the favorite shafter high hang-out, reed and bell, sometimes known as nick's, located at 301 east lerdo highway.

"oh my goodness!"
don't worry patsy fowler, the **shamrock cleaners,** at 320 state avenue, can take the spot out quickly and easily to make your skirt look like new.

"i feel like a queen"
like joyce carr, you'll feel like a queen of the campus when you buy your clothes at **king's department store,** located at 305 central avenue.



"getting the deep freeze"
mickie harp and oliver cates are going into the freezer. when they come out they'll be wise to leave their food in the deep freeze located at **208 central avenue.**

"brrrrrr . . . . . "
big jack (ogle) and little jack (nixon) are having a gay time playing with their trucks. **jack thompson** isn't playing as far as his trucking business is concerned. for dependable service go to 548 walker ave.

"ooooh joe"
joe hicks is a pretty smart boy presenting jo ann with a gift from **gaylord fox's.** she'll love it. school supplies, stationery and drawing supplies are also found at gaylord fox's, located at 433 james.

"ah contentment!"
you'll be as contented as bill fulmer is if you patronize **shafter congrete pipe company** located at 812 walker avenue.

"stick 'em up bud"
keep your money in a safe place, ed ellis. don't take chances with all that cash with characters like david northam around. invest it in bonds, a checking or a savings account at the **bank of america** at 261 central avenue.

"fire! fire!"
george and jim say that modern household appliances at the **shafter mayatg shop** at 169 east lerdo are hotter than a 4 alarm fire. dollar for dollar you can't match maytag, frigidaire, and wedgewood. when you need service they are as near to you as your telephone.

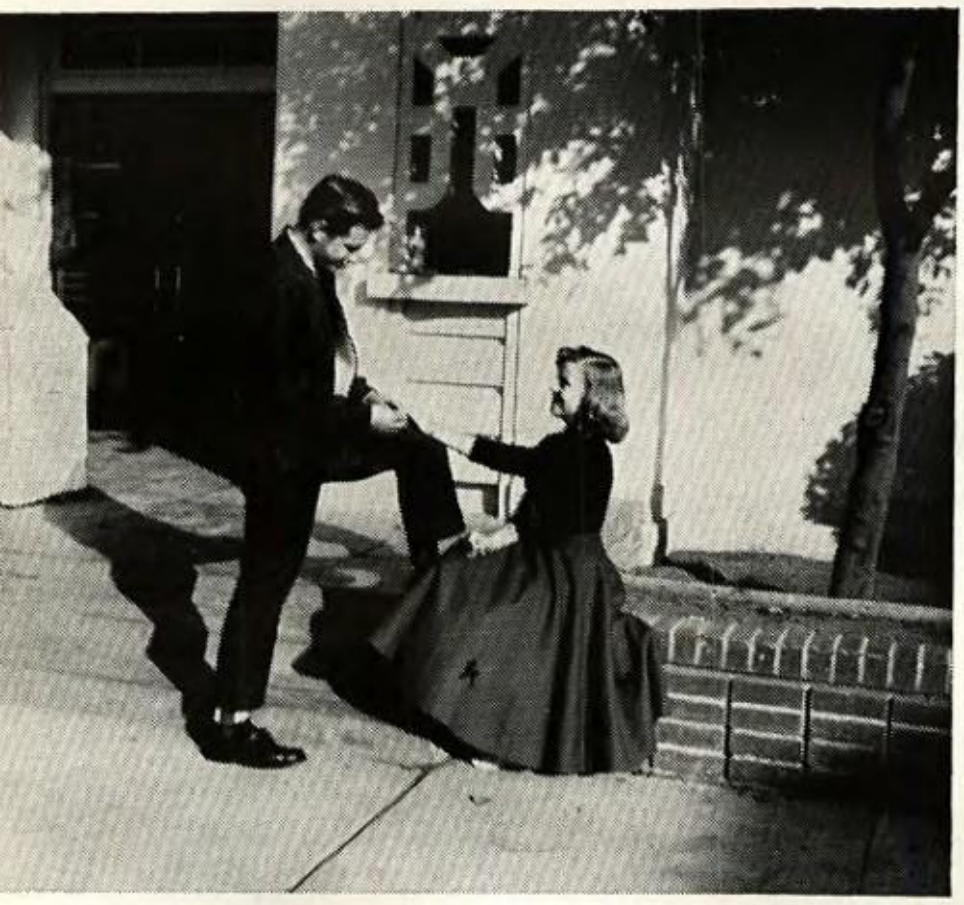
"mmmmm well . . . . "
there seems to be some question as to the quality of artist royce eslick's latest creation. you'll be satisfied without question if you rely on the **central paint and cabinet shop** located at 169 central avenue for paint products and services.

"do as the beavers do"
when getting a prescription filled call on either bob cloud (class '42), mr. e. b. stringham or merton wiedmann (class '42), at **stringham's drug store.** go to stringham's for quick reliable service as janis and donnie beaver do.

"but i keep it watered"
that plant, dorothy crane, like all plants needs fertilizer as well as water. for ideal fertilizer visit **brown and bryant,** located at 402 central avenue.

"oh, isn't it nice"
yes, joan eckman, it's a very good picture of leroy moser and you'll be proud of it for many years to come. he had it made at **howell's** at 553 james street.

"a maple leaf?"
don't wonder about the maple leaf as mike steel does. put your faith in the **maple leaf enterprises,** which includes kwso, 1050 on your radio dial.



"beautiful!"
no wonder mona moor looks so happy. who wouldn't if they got a beautiful engagement ring from **mc-whorter's jewelers,** at 248 central avenue?

"oh shucks!"
hey, robert millwee, why don't you save yourself a lot of trouble by seeing **richland chevrolet** for a new car deal today. it's located on 511 central avenue.

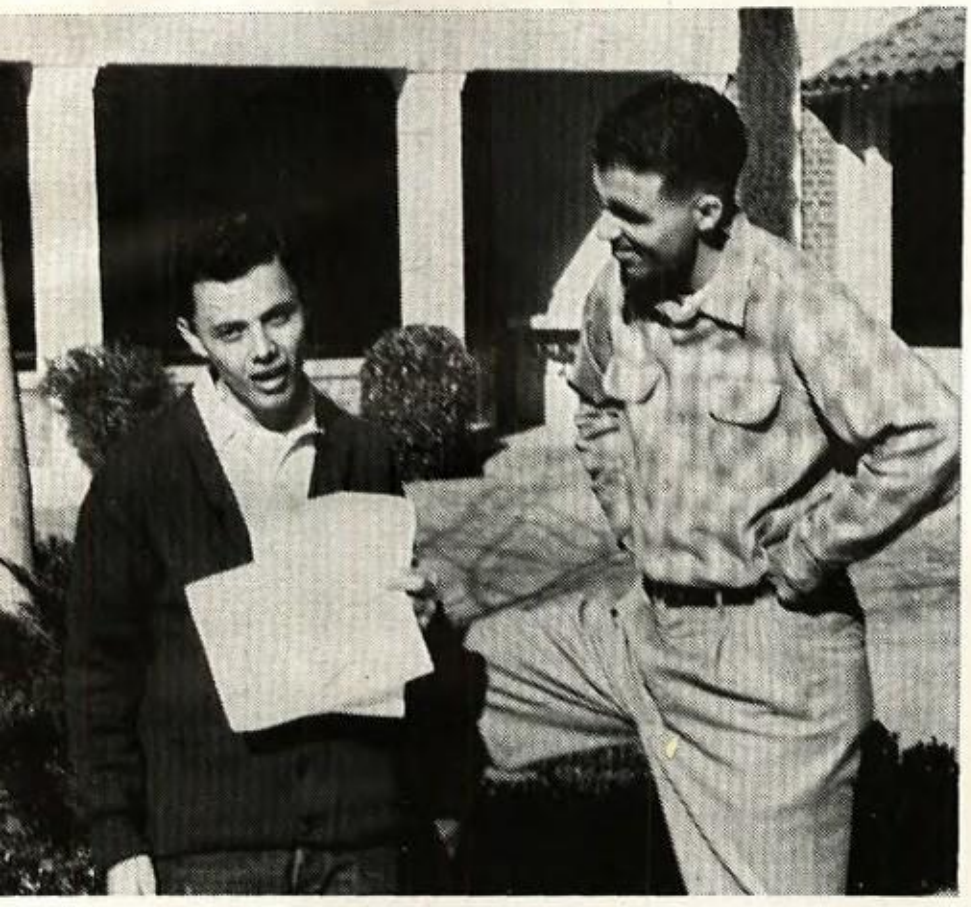
"get a ready mix, archy fraser!"
for concrete as well as for cakes, it's easier, safer and cheaper in the long run to use a ready mix. get your ready mix concrete at the **shafter ready mix concrete,** located at 812 walker street.

"what is it?"
when that hope chest is finished, dorothy, you will need something to go in it. how about a set of dishes from **central hardware** on 242 central avenue, for a starter.

"but we were just talking"
guys, if you've had a misunderstanding with your best girl like glenn morris has with becky jones, ask her to forgive you with flowers from **cooper's,** at 329 east lerdo.

"what's going on?"
it seems as though bobby is a man about the campus since he has bought his new shirt from **hight's mens store,** at 311 central ave.

"wow, that was close!"
yes, dale morris, that was a close shave. for an even closer shave go to the **deluxe barber shop,** located at 315 central avenue.



"now what?"
everybody, including donald mansfield, gets themselves out on a limb from time to time. to prevent this get your insurance from **kelly and somers,** located at 422 james street.

"miss fix-it can't fix it"
it takes a trained person to fix an ailng t. v. set or radio as paula allen discovers. don't take chances! see **central valley t. v.,** at 551 central avenue when your set starts acting up.

congratulations
seniors of '55
chrysler-plymouth
international trucks
irvin e. fike
825 central valley hiway
shafter, california

"who is it?"
vernice taber is easily recognized, even behind a mask. so is the beautiful 1955 pontiac. see your shafter pontiac dealer, the **garlatz motor co.,** located at 385 east lerdo.

Pat,
So a real sweet girl I have enjoyed knowing. I hope to see you again next year. Best wishes to you in everything you do.
Your friend always,
"56" Ann Hanson

the laurion staff hopes that through "a letter to mr. gates" many memories will return whenever you look through your 1955 laurion.

many hearty thanks go to miss speich, our new advisor this year. this is the first yearbook miss speich has advised. through her help and encouragement the staff has been able to present you with the 1955 laurion.

the staff again wishes to thank the shafter merchants, for their advertisements have made it possible to publish the 1955 laurion.

thanks also go to mr. howell of howell's studio for his great job of photography.

the shafter press for their printing and engraving and the s. k. smith company for the covers also deserve their share of thanks from the staff of '55.

best wishes and many thanks also go to the 1955 laurion staff. it has been a lot of hard work and great fun making this year's laurion.

editor,
la vonne stoller

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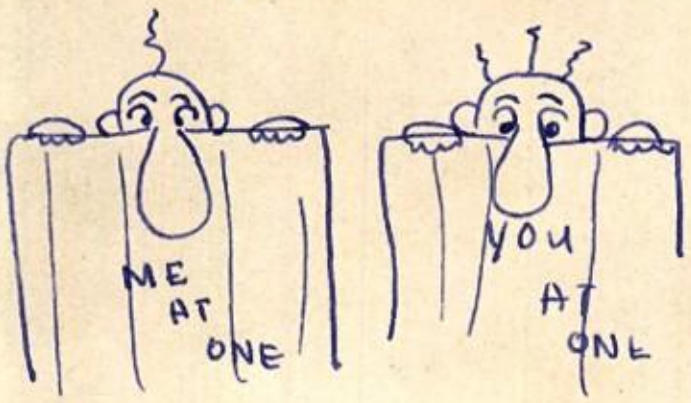
– Pat –

To my best Pal and kid with the best bed in all of Shafter High, even if I always get the lumply side and you pull all the covers on your side. Hope to see you this summer so we can swim together. I don't have to feed you a lot of mush, because ya know how I feel about ya.

Louise Fulfer
"58"
Best
Class
of
All



Pat

I think you are a sweet, cute and nice girl I am so happy to know you. Ever since the first day at Richland I have never been alone you were always there to keep me company I hope our friendship Continues

Love Always

Louise Barker

Pat

"from one Pat to another"
this year has been loads of
fun and it been nice knowing
you to. and I hope that next
year will be as much fun
as this one has been
Lots of luck
Patsey Bankston
"58"

Pat, the
first time I have
found you to
be a real sweet
girl. Good luck in
the years to come!
A friend always.
Martha Mitchell

Pat -
Ever since I have
known you, I have
really liked you a lot.
You are a great kid with
a wonderful personality. Our
freshman year has gone so fast,
but has really been fun. Maybe
next year we can get some classes
together. I wish you all the luck
in the world, in the future. May
all your dreams come true.
Always, Mettie
Diana '58"

lots of luck to
a swell girl.
Ruben Marquez
'55"

Pat -
I have enjoyed
going to school with
you. Good luck
Joanisa
McDonald

Dear Pat

I have really enjoyed
knowing you this
school with you
this year. I hope
to see you in the future
Have fun grades as you
have done this year.
you do as well
Don't study as much
next year.
Yours Always
Nona Johnson.

Pat —
I really have enjoyed
being with you these years
and I hope you will have lots
of luck in your future years
Yours Always
Nona Johnson.

Pat —
I've really enjoyed
knowing you this past
year. Hope we can walk
to school next year.
See you next year.
Carole
'58

Dear Pat:
Best wishes to a
swell girl whom I've
had lots of fun with
in algebra. Here's
hoping I get to know
you better next
year.
A friend
Janie